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tinuation of the Debates and Votes of the House of Commons, and the Laws and Votes of the several Colonies of *Massachusetts*, *New-York*, *New-Jersey*, *Maryland*, and *Virginia*, for the Use of the House.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the Seventh of *January* next.

January 7, 1771.

THE House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Pearson* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Representatives being met agreeable to their Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Business his Honour may be pleased to lay before them.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 8, 1771

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Swoope* this Day appearing in the House the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *James* be added to the Committee appointed to settle the Public Accounts of the ensuing Year.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would, as soon as any Business occurred, communicate the same to the House by a Message.

Sundry Petitions from Persons confined in the Gaol of this City for Debt, were presented to the House and read, setting forth the Circumstances of the Petitioners, and praying Relief with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to examine the Laws of the Province, and report such as are expired, or near expiring, and require to be renewed; also to inspect the Minutes of the late Assembly, and report the several Matters recommended over to the present House.

A Petition from *Matthew Conard*, of the County of *Philadelphia*, Miller, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed to the Office of Inspector and Brander of Flour exported from the said County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Laws of the Province and Votes of Assembly, and report from thence such laws as are near expiring, and require to be renewed, together with the several Matters recommended to the Consideration of this House, made Report thereof in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

THE Committee appointed to examine the Laws and Votes of Assembly, *&c.* beg Leave to report, that they find some of the following Laws are expired, and others near expiring, or wanting Amendments, *to wit*,

"*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread*,"—expired.

"*An Act to enable the Commissioners therein after named to settle the Accounts of the Managers, and to sue for and recover from several Persons such Sums of Money as are now due and unpaid on Account of a Lottery set up and drawn for erecting a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek*, &c."—expired.

"*An Act to regulate the Nightly Watch in the City of* Philadelphia," &c.—"*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch*," &c. and a Supplement to the last Act,—expired.

"*An Act to prevent the Destruction of small Rock-Fish, and taking Oysters out of Season*,"—requires Amendment.

"*An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill,"—expired.

"*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, An Act for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor in the City of* Philadelphia," &c.—expired.—A Law for Amendment and Explanation of the Poor-Laws in this Province, would be of public Utility.

"*An Act to continue an Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots*," &c. —expires at this Sitting of the House.

The several Matters following are recommended to the Consideration of this House by the late Assembly, *to wit*,

"*An Act declaring* Susquehanna *and other Rivers public Highways*," &c.

John Clayton's Machine for threshing Wheat and other Grain.

The Complaint of *Ludowick Harple* against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*.

The Balance due to the Province from the late Trustees of the General Loan-Office.

The Petition from sundry Owners of Meadow-Grounds in the Precinct of *Richmond*.

The Petition from *John* and *Joseph Pawling* and *Samuel Phips*, concerning Title Deeds.

The obliging *James Lindsay*, Collector of Excise for the County of *Cumberland*, to account for and pay the Money arising from spirituous Liquors sold in the said County.

The Report of the Committee on the Petitions of the Tanners and Shoemakers of the City of *Philadelphia*, &c.

The Petition of *Robert Elder*, of *York* County.

The Governor's Message concerning the Bill offered to him by the late House for vacating Part of an old Road in the Township of *Passyunk*, and laying out a new Road instead thereof.

The making a Compensation to Doctor *Samuel Preston Moore*, who acts in Behalf of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office.

The Account of the *Province* Island, the State of the Buildings, and the Lease of the said Island.

The Petitions from the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Berks*, for a new Road.

Submitted to the House by

JOSEPH WATSON,	ROWLAND EVANS,
GEORGE ROSS,	SAMUEL RHOADS,
EDWARD BIDDLE,	ABEL JAMES.

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread.

Ordered, That the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly to settle the Accounts of the Managers of the *Skippack* Lottery, lay a State of their Settlement before the House as soon as conveniently may be.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 9, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Three Petitions signed by a great Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *York*, living near the River *Connewago*, were presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have for many Years past been plentifully supplied with a great Variety of Fish which came up the said River out of *Susquehanna*;—that several Mills have been lately built across the said River *Connewago*, and some of the Dams raised so high that the Fish are entirely prevented from going up, by reason whereof the Petitioners are deprived of the great Advantage of the Fishery, and the River rendered

useless to the Inhabitants near the same in this Respect;—that if the several Persons who have built Dams on the said River, and such others as shall hereafter erect Dams thereon, were obliged to make Passages for the Fish to go up the said River in such Parts of the Dams as would be least prejudicial to the Owners thereof, and to have Gates for the same, which should be kept open in the proper Season, the Evil complained of would be remedied without any Injury to the Owners of the Dams; and praying Relief.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Hillegas*, in Behalf of himself and the other Commissioners appointed to settle the Accounts of the Managers of the *Skippack* Lottery, laid before the House a State of their Settlement with the said Managers, pursuant to the Order of last Night, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Inspection of the Members.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable certain Persons therein named to recover the Balances due from a late Lottery set up for raising Money to erect a Bridge over *Skippack* Creek, to receive such Donations as may hereafter be made for that Purpose, and to build the said Bridge.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Sellers* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Destruction of Rock-Fish and Oysters.

Ordered, That the said Committee do also prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Fishery in the River *Schuylkill*.

Four Petitions from Persons confined in the Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia* for Debt, were presented to the House and read, setting forth the Circumstances of the Petitioners, and praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Laws of this Province, *&c.* and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a general Bill for the Relief of the Poor.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 10, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee on the several Matters recommended from the late Assembly, after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, *Mr. Pearson*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Swoope* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill declaring the Waters of *Susquehanna* public Highways, and for improving the Navigation thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill declaring the Waters of *Delaware* public Highways, and for improving the Navigation thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill declaring the Waters of *Schuylkill* public Highways, and for improving the Navigation thereof.

Ordered, That *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Minshall*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to examine the Machine lately constructed by *John Clayton* for threshing Grain, and report to the House their Sentiments of the Usefulness thereof,

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from Doctor *Adam Simon Kuhn*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that *James Hamilton*, Esq; by Deed dated the 24th of *November*, 1736, granted a certain Lot of Ground known by the No. 3, and in said Deed particularly bounded and described, subject to certain Rents and Covenants therein expressed, unto a certain *Henry Bossler*;—that the said *Henry Bossler*, by Deed dated the 4th of *December*, 1736, granted and conveyed the same Lot of Ground unto a certain *Frederick Struble*, who by Deed dated the 17th of *April*, 1738, granted and conveyed the same to *Ludowick Stone*, now of the Borough aforesaid;—that the said *Ludowick Stone*, by Deed dated the 21st of *December*, 1747, granted Part of the said Lot to the Petitioner; and afterwards by Deed dated the 22d of *November*, 1752, the said *Ludowick Stone* granted and conveyed the Residue to a certain *Englehart Yeiser*, deceased;—that the said *Englehart Yeiser* dying intestate, the same was sold by Order of the Orphans Court, made the 7th of *December*, 1762,

when *Jacob Yeiser*, Son of the Deceased, became the Purchaser, and had the same confirmed to him by the Court, and conveyed in Pursuance thereof by *Eve Yeiser*, the Administratrix, by Deed dated the 29th of *November*, 1763, which said *Jacob Yeiser* granted and conveyed the same to the Petitioner; by Means of which several Conveyances he is now entitled to the Whole of said Lot of Ground with the Appurtenances;—that by some Accident the Deed from *Frederick Struble* to *Ludowick Stone* is lost, which breaks the Chain of the Petitioner's Title to the said Lot of Ground, and may be very injurious to him;—that the Petitioner humbly offers the other Deeds and his Case to the Consideration of the Honourable House, and prays their Interposition by passing a Law to relieve him from the Inconvenience that may attend such Loss.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Representation from the Grand Jury for the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in Behalf of themselves and their Fellow-Citizens they request Leave to submit the following Matters to the Consideration of the Honourable House, *viz.*

THAT the Act for the Purpose of enlightening the Streets, *&c.* in the said City, and for other Purposes therein named, has been for some Time expired, and that the Wardens appointed by Virtue of the said Act, have since its Expiration necessarily incurred for the City a very considerable Debt, for the Discharge of which there is at this Time no Fund established;—that many Pumps (the Property of private Persons) in the Streets, *&c.* of this City are now rendered of little Use, and in Case of Fire will prove no Security to the Inhabitants, through the Neglect or Refusal of the Owners to maintain them in good Order;—that they apprehend, the Placing under the Care of City Wardens all private Pumps which are now erected in the Streets, will relieve the present Owners from very great Burthens, and contribute much to the Convenience and Security of the Citizens in general;—that in many Streets (especially in Third-Street, and in those West of Third-Street) Lamps are greatly wanted.

That the Jury, having carefully examined the State of the late Watch and Lamp Tax, are of Opinion, that an Assessment of *Four Pence* per Pound on the real Estates of the Citizens, is insufficient to defray the Annual Expence attending the Nightly Watch, *&c.* on its present Footing; and as the Welfare and Security of their Fellow-Citizens require that many additional Lamps should be erected, and that the Pumps

in general should be kept in better Order than they are in at present;—the Jury humbly pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and make such Provision for the Support of the Nightly Watch, Lamps and Pumps as to them in their Wisdom may be deemed effectual.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Complaint of *Ludowick Harple*, recommended from the late Assembly to the Notice of this House,

Ordered, That *Charles Jolly*, Esq; do attend the House on *Wednesday* next, the Sixteenth Instant, to answer to such Matters and Things as shall be objected against him by *Ludowick Harple*, relative to his Conduct in the Office of a Justice of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms to this House do serve the said *Charles Jolly* with a Copy of this Order, and that he also give Notice to *Ludowick Harple* to attend the House with his Witnesses and Proofs on the same Day.

A Report from *Michael Diffenderfer* and *Christian Wertz*, Treasurers of the Provincial and County Taxes levied in the County of *Lancaster*, were presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in Pursuance of an Order from the late Assembly of the Twenty-Ninth of *September* last, they have called on the several Persons mentioned in a List to the said Order annexed, and have received from them certain Payments and Answers in Manner following, *viz.*

John Hay his Executors refuse Payment.

George Leonard has refused to pay.

Jacob Carpenter will attend the House and give his Answer.

Samuel Steel is dead and has left no Estate.

William Jones has refused to pay.

Henry Walter has refused to pay.

Michael Hubley will answer to the House.

John Miller has refused to pay.

Christian Hildebrand is not to be found, has left no Estate here.

John Smith his Executor has refused to pay.

Robert Spear has paid to the Treasurer of the Province Tax £ 69:7:6, and to the Treasurer of the County Tax £ 70:2:6.

Michael Grimes has refused to pay.

Joshua Anderson has refused to pay.

Henry Weaver says, it is an easy Matter to receive Money, but hard to return it, and that he would not pay the Balance

demanded of him till his Conscience should tell him he had done wrong, which, he says, has not yet been the Case.

Daniel M'Pherson is moved out of the Province, and the Treasurers have been credibly informed has left Bonds in the Hands of some Person in this County, for the Purpose of discharging the Demands against him by the said Order; but in whose Hands the Bonds are, the Treasurers have not yet had an Opportunity of discovering.

Frederick Stone is willing to pay, but prays a little Time.

James Wilson has refused to pay.

Isaac Myers—the Administrators have refused to pay.

Adam Ort has paid to the Treasurer of the Provincial Tax £ 37, and to the Treasurer of the County Tax £ 32:12:5.

Caleb Johnson has brought in Accounts against the Province and the County of *Lancaster*, to the Amount of £ 18:2:6, which Accounts are herewith delivered to the House,—the Remainder of the Sum demanded from him he is willing to pay.

George M'Cullough has refused to pay.

John Carpenter has left his Wages as Commissioner for the Year 1769 and 1770, to discharge Part of the Sum demanded of him, and has promised to pay the Remainder.

James Gibbons says, he is willing to pay what he has taken as an Assessor, but the Sum received as Clerk to the Board he refuses to pay.

Casper Core is willing to pay, but could not do it at the particular Time it was demanded of him.

John Hopson has brought an Account against the Province and the County of *Lancaster* for £ 12, the Remainder of the Sum demanded of him he has paid into the Hands of the Treasurers;—the Account is herewith presented to the House.

William Davis has refused to pay.

Isaac Saunders says he will answer to the House.

James Webb, Jun. thinks he ought not to pay the Money demanded of him, as he was employed by a particular Set of Men to do their Business as a Clerk, and was by them paid for his Trouble, according to the Agreement made between them and him. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Representations from *Michael Graham*, and *Michael Hubley*, formerly a Commissioner and Assessor for the County of *Lancaster*, were presented to the House, and being read, the latter is in Substance as follows, *viz.*

THAT in the Year 1760, 61 and 62 the said County did not elect any Commissioner that resided in the Borough of *Lancaster*, and the Board thought proper, for the Convenience of

the County, to delegate to the said *Hubley*, living in the Borough, a Power to hear Persons who conceived themselves aggrieved by their Taxes, and could not attend on the proper Day of Appeal, by which he was enabled to lower the Rates of those who had been overtaxed, and to make out Certificates of such Abatement to the Collectors;—that he accordingly undertook this Business, and drew, to the best of his Remembrance, upwards of a thousand Certificates within the said Time, for which Service he was allowed Pay by the Board of Commissioners, and received several Orders on the Treasurer for the same;—that he was also employed by the said Board to hire Workmen to sink a Well in the Prison Yard in the County of *Lancaster*, which took considerable Time, and was attended with much Trouble in blowing Rocks, getting Stone quarried and hauled to wall the same, and in procuring a Pump to be made and fixed therein;—that he also expended sundry Sums of Money out of his own Pocket to discharge a Number of incidental Charges, for which, and his Trouble, he received sundry Orders on the Treasurer; with which Orders he conceives he is charged in the Books laid before the House, and that they have not been considered as Money paid to him for his extraordinary Services and Expences in the Matters above-mentioned, but as Sums paid him as an Assessor, he therefore submits his Case to the Judgment of the House, and hopes they will do therein as to them shall seem just and equitable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 11, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Report of the Treasurers of *Lancaster* County, with the Representation from *Michael Hubley*, presented last Night, the said *Hubley* was called in, and acquainted from the Chair that the Power delegated to him by the Commissioners of the said County to determine on Appeals from the Inhabitants, respecting their Taxes, being illegal, he ought not to have exercised or accepted it, and that as the Balance demanded from him in Right of the Public, was only the Money overpaid him as an Assessor, and not in discharge of other Services, he was required to return the same without any Abatement.

Ordered, That the Accounts exhibited to this House by *Robert Amor*, *Robert Whitehill*, *John Hopson* and *Caleb Johnson*, of the County of Lancaster, be referred to the Committee of Accounts for Examination, and that the said Committee do

prepare and bring in a Bill to recover certain Balances due to the Public from sundry Persons, late Commissioners, Assessors and Clerks of the said County.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Destruction of Rock-Fish and Oysters, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading,

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Fishery in the River *Schuylkill*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill declaring the River *Susquehanna* and other Streams therein mentioned public Highways, *&c.* reported a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House taking into Consideration the Resolve of Assembly in their last Sitting, relative to the Balance due from the late Trustees of the General Loan-Office, and being informed that a Part of the said Balance has been since paid by Mrs. *Mary Norris*, surviving Administratrix of *Charles Norris*, Esq; deceased, one of the said late Trustees, and that the said *Mary Norris* is using her best Endeavours to discharge the Residue, referred the said Resolve to future Consideration.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Owners of Lands in the Precinct of *Richmond*, have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpose mentioned in their Petition.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 12, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Abraham Sahler*, of the Townships of *Perkiomen* and *Skippack*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is seized of a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, situate in the said Townships, which has been several times sold by one Purchaser to another, and Deeds of Conveyance duly executed, sufficient (as the Petitioner apprehends) to constitute a regular Chain from the Honourable the Proprietaries of this Province down to himself; but through Accident two

of the said Title Deeds have been very much defaced, and as the Petitioner knows of no other Means of perfecting his Title to the said Land than by an Act of General Assembly to be passed for that Purpose, he humbly prays the House would be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them shall seem proper.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Consideration of the Report of the Committee of the late Assembly on the Petitions of the Tanners and Shoemakers, recommended to the Notice of this House,

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmunds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for remedying the Inconveniences complained of by the Petitioners.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George Elder*, of *Fawn* Township, in the County of *York*, against *William Smith*, a Justice of the Peace for the said County, be, and the same is hereby referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Grievances, who are to report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock on *Monday* next.

January 14, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by an Act of General Assembly, passed in the 29th Year of his late Majesty's Reign, the Wardens of the City of *Philadelphia* were impowered to take into their Possession, for the Use of the Public, all the Pumps in the public Streets, Lanes and Alleys in the said City, and to lay an additional Tax on all Estates real and personal within the same, to keep them in Repair, which said Act is now expired;—that the Petitioners humbly conceive themselves much aggrieved by the said Act, in that they are compelled to pay a Tax for their own Property, or what they do not partake of, and that the good Intent of the Legislature has not been answered, few Wells having been dug by the Wardens since the passing of the said Act, whereby many of the Inhabitants have been discouraged from erecting Pumps, as they are nevertheless subject to a Tax from which they receive no Benefit;—that the Petitioners are of Opinion, there would have been a greater Number of Pumps in the City, and those kept in as good Order, had the said Law not been made; for although the Wardens were thereby impowered to agree with the Owners of such Pumps as are already fixed in the Streets, and to take

them into their Care, yet when divers of the Inhabitants, who had erected Pumps at their own Expence, have offered to deliver up the same to the Wardens, without any other Consideration than that of keeping them in Repair for the future at the public Charge, they have been refused, and notwithstanding it is enacted by the said Law, that every Pump found to have been out of Repair for Three Months shall be taken by the Wardens, and afterwards become the Property of the Public, to be supported at the public Expence, there are Pumps in some Streets that have been unfit for Use Twelve Months, without any Notice being taken of them: Wherefore the Petitioners pray the House to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant them such Relief therein as may be judged reasonable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the Back-Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Berks*, for a new County, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 15, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Isaac Sanders*, of the Couny (sic) of *Lancaster*, late Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of the said County, requesting to be heard before the Committees of Aggrievances and Accounts, relative to the Sum reported by the said Committees to be overpaid him for his Services to the said Board.

Ordered, That the said Committees do hear the said *Isaac Sanders*, agreeable to his Request by Letter to the Speaker, and report thereon to the House.

A Member presented to the Chair, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose a Bill entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Chester *and* Lancaster *into a separate County,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from *John Cox*, Senior, of the City of *Philadelphia*, against the Enlargement of *George Hawkins*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the said City, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House took into Consideration the Allowance recommended by the late Assembly to be made to Doctor *Samuel Preston Moore*, who has acted for some Years past in Behalf

of the late Trustees of the General Loan-Office, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts do enquire into the Services performed by the said *Samuel Preston Moore*, and report to the House such Compensation as may be reasonable to make him for the same.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House taking into Consideration a Bill offered to the Governor by the late Assembly, and returned with his Negative, entituled, "*An Act for vacating Part of a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and laying out a new Road instead thereof*," after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Foulke* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a new Bill for the said Purposes.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 16, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration certain Petitions to the late Assembly for Assistance in opening and making a public Road from the Town of *Reading*, through *Berks* County, to the River *Susquehanna*, on the South Side of *Machanay* Mountain, near Fort *Augusta*, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration in the Afternoon.

The House Adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions read in the Forenoon, praying Assistance in opening a public Road from *Reading* to *Susquehanna*, near Fort *Augusta*, and after a long Debate thereon, four Members standing up, moved for the following Question, *viz.* Whether the House will grant at this Time any public Money towards opening the said Road, upon Condition that Subscriptions be made by the Inhabitants to a Certain Amount for the same Purpose;—Upon which the previous Question being called for, and put by the Speaker, the same was carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 17, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Crosby* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable Commissioners to be therein named, to receive and apply such Contributions from the Inhabitants as shall be made towards opening the Road laid out, and confirmed by

the Governor and Council, from the Town of *Reading* to *Susquehanna*, near Fort *Augusta*.

The Petitions from divers Inhabitants of the County of *York*, concerning a Regulation of the Fisheries in the Rivers *Codorus* and *Connewago*, being again read,

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Thomas Minshall* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Fisheries in the said Rivers.

A Member presented at the Clerk's Table, pursuant to Leave from the House for that Purpose, a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That this House will receive no Petitions for private Bills after the Fourth Day of *February* next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Aggrievances do sit as often, during the present Session of Assembly, as there may be Occasion, to hear the Complaints of Persons who conceive themselves aggrieved by any public Officer of the Province, in taking exorbitant Fees for Services done in Discharge of his Office, or any other public Grievance.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolve and Order be published in the next Week's News-Papers.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent the Destruction of Rock-Fish and Oysters*," which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls and Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Fees appointed to be taken in the said Office for recording of Deeds, were established by an Act passed in the first Year of King *George* the First, and the Fees of the Office of Master of the Rolls appointed by an Act in the Ninth Year of the same Reign;—that in those early Times, when House-Rent, Provisions, Fire-Wood, and other Necessaries of Living, and the Wages and Maintenance of Clerks, were to be purchased and obtained at very low and easy Rates, the Fees then appointed might by the Legislature be thought sufficient for the Services done; and if there was but little Business, the Officer might employ his Leisure in other profitable Concerns;—that the Petitioner's Predecessor enjoyed for a great

Number of Years, with the said Offices, the lucrative Post of Clerk to the Loan-Office, which in great Measure compensated for the Smalness of the Fees in his other Offices;—that although the Duties of the said Offices oblige the Petitioner to employ several Clerks, and require his constant Attendance and Care to conduct the same with the Accuracy and Dispatch their great Importance requires, yet the very great Advance in all the Articles of House-keeping, and in the Hire and Maintenance of Clerks, since the Time of settling the said Fees, occasion the said Office to be of small Value, and render the Fees appointed to be taken greatly inadequate to the Services done;—the Petitioner therefore humbly prays the House to take this Matter into their serious Consideration, and to grant him Relief therein by establishing such Fees, to be taken for the Business to be done in the said Offices, as will be suitable and proportionable to the Care, Expence and Trouble of executing the same. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A petition from Captain *John M'Pherson*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning a new invented Mill for grinding Grain, and a Machine for raising Water, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from *William Parr*, Esq; Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in Obedience to the Order of the late Assembly, made in the Month of *September*, 1769, the Memorialist hath received a Number of Deeds and Papers from *Timothy Matlack* and *Richard Waln*, and prepared a List of the same to publish in the News-Papers, as thereby directed;—that since the Memorialist received the said Deeds and Papers, it has happened, and may happen again, that two Persons holding Lands under the same Deed have demanded it, and each forbid him delivering the same to the other, intimating that if he did, they would bring their Action against him;—that apprehending by publishing the said List, he would furnish such contentious People with Proof, whereby they might vex him with Suits at Law, he has hitherto declined doing it, and now prays the Aid and Advice of the Honourable House in the Premises, and that he may be directed in what Manner to proceed when any of the said Deeds are claimed by two or more Persons.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House ajourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 18, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways*," &c. which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways*," &c. which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 19, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for vacating Part of a Road in the Township of *Passyunk*, and laying out a new Road instead thereof, reported they had essayed a Draught for those Purposes, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways*," &c. and after some Debate thereon, the Question being put, Whether the opening and clearing of the said River shall be extended as low as *Wright's* Ferry? it was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock on *Monday* next.

January 21, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Thomas Austin*, Miller, of the Township of *Abington*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and branding Flour exported from the City of *Philadelphia*.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from a Number of Debtors in the Gaol of this City for Relief with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Committee of Grievances do make Enquiry into the Circumstances of the said Petitioners, and having heard the Allegations of their respective Creditors, report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 22, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Poor, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first Time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House then adjourned to Three 'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Martin Breneise*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *York-Town*, in the County of *York*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the Circumstances of the Petitioner, and praying Relief with Respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to an Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Chester and Lancaster *into a separate County,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Fishery in the Rivers *Codorus* and *Conewago*, in the County of *York*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair. and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories,*" and after some Time spent therein, Objections arising to the said Bill, the same was referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow-Morning.

January 23, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the River *Leheigh*, or Western Branch of *Delaware*, in the County of *Northampton*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said River or Branch being generally full of Stones, is found by Experience impracticable to fish in with Seines or Nets, and the Petitioners, by a strict Construction of the Act of Assembly, passed in the Year 1761, are deprived of the Advantage their Ancestors and themselves have enjoyed, since the settling those Parts, of catching Shad, a Fish in great Esteem, and at the Time of their Running a plentiful Supply of Provision to the adjacent Inhabitants;—that the

Petitioners therefore pray for Relief in the Premises by an Explanation of the said prohibitory Act, which they humbly conceive could not have been intended by the Legislature to deprive those holding Lands on the said River, or any others, of so great a Benefit, but only to preserve the young Brood or Spawn, and keep an open Passage for Fish, Boats, Rafts, *&c.*—both which good Purposes the Petitioners apprehend might be fully answered, if they were allowed to erect Fishing-Dams slanting in the Water, so as to leave a certain Breadth, as the House may direct, open and unobstructed in the deepest Part of the River for the passing and Re-passing of Fish, Rafts, Boats, *&c.* *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster*, setting forth the dangerous Principles and bad Example of *Isaac Sanders*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the said County, was presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants holding Lands adjoining the River *Schuylkill*, and a Number of Fishermen employed in the Catching Shad in the said River, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they have been informed a Bill is before the House to restrain them and others from fishing in the said River more than Five Days in each Week;—that, if the said Bill should be passed into a Law, they apprehend it must prove very injurious to many of them who have lately let divers Fronts on the said River, and been at great Expence in providing Nets and other Conveniences for carrying on the Shad-Fishery;—that several of the Petitioners have letely (sic) purchased Islands, and made Fisheries, on which they chiefly depend for the Support of their Families: Wherefore they pray the House will prohibit their Fishing on the *Sabbath-Day* only. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Commissioners to open Parts of two Roads leading from the Town of *Reading* to *Susquehanna*, near Fort *Augusta*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories,*" and after some Time spent therein, having agreed that a new Clause be prepared and brought in to be added to the said Bill, the House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Henry Mosser*, of *Heidelbergh* Township, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that on the 29th Day of *January* last, *Isaac Myers*, deceased, fraudulently prevailed on the Petitioner to execute a Deed to him for his Plantation in the said Township, in Consideration of the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, and antidated the same one Year, knowing the Petitioner had mortgaged the said Plantation the 28th of *December*, 1769;—that the Petitioner being told the next Day, he had sold his Plantation, and finding two half *Johannes's* in his Pocket, which he was informed the said *Myers* had given him in Part of the Purchase, he sent the same to *Myers's* House by his (the Petitioner's) Wife, who left them there,—so that the Petitioner has not the least Consideration for his said Plantation, and by the unfortunate and untimely Death of the said *Myers* (the Deed being recorded) it is not in the Power of any Person to re-convey the same, and the Petitioner is advised there is no Remedy in Law for his Relief, nor any Method for perpetuating the Testimony of his Witnesses, and therefore he is under the Necessity of imploring the Aid of the House in such Manner as they shall think most proper.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways*," &c. which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House taking into Consideration the great Advantages that must accrue to the Trade of this Province, in Case an inland Navigation can be effected between the Branches of the Rivers *Susquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and *Leheigh*, and being desirous of the best Information that can be obtained respecting an Object of so much Importance.

Resolved, That *John Sellers*, *Benjamin Lightfoot* and *Joseph Ellicot*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed to view and examine, as soon as conveniently may be, the different Branches of the said Rivers lying nearest to each other, to measure by the most direct Courses the Distances between them, to observe the Soil and other Circumstances of the intermediate Country, and report to this House how far the said Waters are or may be made navigable up the Branches thereof, and whether the opening a Communication between them for the Purposes of Navigation or Land-Carriage be

practicable at a reasonable Expence, and to lay an Estimate of such Expence before the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morow Morning.

January 24, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, declaring the Rivers *Delaware*, *Leheigh*, &c. common Highways, *&c.* reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Part of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories.*" to which a new Clause having been added and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was read the second time by Paragraphs, and ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," which being in Part considered and agreed to, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 25, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Peter Miercken*, of the District of *Southwark*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, Sugar-Refiner, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he was born at *Hamburgh*, a free City of the *German* Empire, and educated in the Protestant Religion or Church, commonly called by the Name of *Lutherans*;—that he has lived in the City of *Philadelphia* and its Suburbs for the Space of Ten Years and upwards, and by Industry has acquired some real and personal Estate or Property;—that he is very desirous to enjoy as well in the Way of Trade and Commerce, as with respect to holding of Lands, and transmitting the Possession and Inheritance there-

of to his Posterity, the Rights and Privileges of natural born Subjects of his Majesty the King of *Great-Britain*, in this Province;—that he is willing and ready to take the Oaths of Allegiance and other Qualifications prescribed by Acts of Parliament and the Laws of this Province: Wherefore he humbly prays for a Law to enable him to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of natural born Subjects of this Province. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 26, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Matthew Neal*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *York* County, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the Circumstances of the Petitioner, and praying Relief with Respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bills respectively entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill;—"*An Act to prevent the Destruction of Rock-Fish and Oysters*;—*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Chester *and* Lancaster *into a separate County*;"—and, *A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the better regulating of Servants in this Province and Territories*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Edmunds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 28, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Four Bills passed on *Saturday*, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, with some Papers, therein referred to,

which were read by Order, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'IN Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, lately signified to me in a Letter from the Earl of *Hillsborough*, I am now to acquaint you that at a Congress, held at the *German Flats* in *July* last, by Sir *William Johnson* with the *Six Nations*, their Confederates and Allies, they loudly complained of Abuses and Violences committed by the Traders and Frontier-Inhabitants of the Colonies; strongly intimating, that unless they are speedily redressed and effectual Measures taken in future to prevent the like Mischiefs, it will be impossible to restrain their young Men and Warriors from Acts of Revenge.'

'I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you an Extract of one of the Conferences at the Congress, and of Sir *William's* Letter to the Earl of *Hillsborough* on this Subject, transmitted me by his Lordship, which will make known to you the Particulars of the *Indians* Complaints.'

'You must be sensible, Gentlemen, that the cultivating a lasting Friendship with the *Indians*, and the conciliating their Affections by all possible Means, are Objects of the greatest Importance to his Majesty's Interest in general, and the Peace and Welfare of the Colonies in particular.'

'Motives of Justice and good Policy alone would, I am persuaded, incline you to take this Matter into your most serious Consideration; but when you are informed that his Majesty has been pleased expressly to order me without Delay to represent it to you in the strongest Manner, and urge you in his Majesty's Name to fall on some Means of putting *Indian* Affairs under such Regulations as may have the Effect to prevent the Abuses of the Trade, and those Violences and Encroachments of the Frontier-Inhabitants, which the *Indians* so justly complain of, you will, I make no Doubt, hold yourselves bound by the Ties of Duty and Respect to your Sovereign, to give this Business the first Place in your Deliberations.

January 28, 1771. *JOHN PENN.*"

Extract of a Talk from Conoquieson *to Sir* William Johnson, July 22, 1770, *at a Congress with the several Nations of* Indians.

BROTHER,

WE are not desirous of making War but when the same appears necessary;—but, Brother, whilst we express ourselves

so disposed, we cannot help reflecting on the Treatment we continue still to receive, particularly on the Southern Frontiers, where our People are frequently robbed and murdered, and no Reparation made for all this.—If we inclined to be silent at such Conduct, our young Men would force us to speak, and that warmly; they would soon be for Revenge, as the Provocation we have received is too great to be longer borne with.——Brother, we request that the great King will give Orders to his Governors and great Men concerning these Matters, assuring you, that we are disposed to abide by our Engagements, and restrain our young People, but that we cannot pretend to do it, unless a speedy End be put to the Behaviour of the People who have so repeatedly attacked us.

A black Belt of Ten Rows.

Brother, At the Treaty at Fort *Stanwix*, you then told us, as you had done before, that we should pass our Time in Peace, and travel with Security;——that Trade should flourish and Goods abound;—that they should be sold us cheap, and that Care should be taken to prevent any Person from imposing on us:—Brother, This would have endeared the *English* to us, but we do not see it;—it is now worse than it was before.——

Extract of a Letter from Sir William Johnson *to the Earl of* Hillsborough, *dated* Johnson-Hall, August *the* 14th, 1770.

THE rest of the Proceedings, which consisted in the Ratification of the Treaty at Fort *Stanwix*, and the Subject of Grievances, will require my saying some little upon.—As to the first, your Lordship will observe sufficiently from the public Conferences, the Satisfaction expressed by the *Indians* at the Whole of that Treaty,. with the Resolution they have taken to render it permanent and acceptable to all their Dependants.——The latter are only the principal Grievances, which were spoken of in public,—besides which there were many others of an inferior Nature not inserted, as they would have added much to the Bulk of my Transactions, and might be deemed unworthy the Attention of Government; they nevertheless gave me much Trouble, and occasioned great Delay, which was of most concern to me, as the daily Maintenance of such a Number of *Indians* amounted to a large Sum; to abridge which I gave them my whole Time both by Day and by Night, and thereby considerably shortened the Time of our Sitting. Your Lordship will find that the principal Grievances complained of in public, regarded the Conduct of our Frontier-Inhabitants towards them, and the State of the *In-*

dian Trade;—the first, as I have repeatedly observed, is what they have but too much Reason to complain of, which they have retaliated in a very few Instances; though I know the contrary is too often represented. I have on former Occasions said so much of the licentious Spirit of the Inhabitants on the Southern Frontiers, that I need only add, that it still continues, and their Malevolence and Disregard to all Treaties are still demonstrated whenever they fall in the Way of any small Parties or single *Indians*;—even since I began this Letter, I have received Dispatches from Mr. *Croghan*, my Deputy now at Fort *Pitt*, acquainting me that a Soldier had shot an *Indian* there, and that another was killed by a *Virginian* two Days after near *Chate* River;—the Continuance of which Proceedings will render all Transactions with them abortive.

As to the Affairs of Trade, I wish I could say they had no Cause of Complaint, but the contrary has been too often manifested of late.—Commissioners have been appointed to meet from some of the Colonies, but it is not expected that any Expence will be incurred adequate to the Service; in which Case it is much better to do nothing, and that it is thought will be the Consequence of their Meeting.—Another Circumstance much complained of, as well during the Treaty as since by those *Indians* who accompanied me to this Place, is of the great Cargoes of Rum, which (of late in particular) are sent among them, to their Ruin, as they called it.——Many Traders carry little or nothing else, because their Profits upon it are so considerable, and whatever Resolutions they enter into, the *Indians* have not Virtue enough to withstand the Temptation when it comes among them; they therefore beg it may not be suffered to come to their Castles or Hunting-Places; and, indeed, the licentious Abuse of the Sale, notwithstanding its peculiar Profit, is extremely hurtful to the Trade in general from its Effects upon the *Indians*, besides its giving Encouragement to the meanest and most profligate Traders to go among them, in that neither Capacity or Knowledge of the *Indians*, or their Language is necessary for the Sale of it; but very little Remedy can be expected here against the Abuse of that Liquor, though its Effects are daily manifested:——Again, when *Indians* are assembled on public Affairs, there are always Traders secreted in the Neighbourhood, and some publicly, who not only make them intoxicated during the Time intended for Business, but afterwards get back great Parts of their Presents in Exchange for spirituous Liquors of the worst Kind, thereby defeating the Intentions of the Crown,

and causing them to commit many Murders and other Disorders as well amongst the Inhabitants as themselves;—— this is grievously complained of by the *Indians*, but I know of no penal Law at present subsisting for restraining the Sale of that pernicious Liquor, even during public Business, which I humbly conceive should be recommended to the immediate Attention of the *American* Legislatures, as well as some Law for the more effectual apprehending and punishing Offenders on the Frontiers, in a summary Way."

With the foregoing Papers from the Governor, the Secretary also brought down the Bills, entituled, as follows, *viz.* "*An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill;" "*An Act to prevent the Destruction of Rock-Fish and Oysters*;" and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Chester, *and* Lancaster *into a separate County,*" and acquainted the House that his Honour would be ready to pass the said Bills into Laws when presented to him for that Purpose.

The Secretary likewise returned the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories,*" with some Amendments to the same, which being read, and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 29, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Freeholders of the Township of *Bristol*, in the County of *Bucks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they are possessed of a valuable Piece of Swamp or Meadow-Ground, situate in the said Township, called the *Pigeon Swamp*, which, for want of proper Drains, is rendered useless, as well to its Owners as to the Public, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for improving the said Meadow-Ground, and defraying the Expence thereof by equal Assessments on the several Owners in Proportion to the Quantities they respectively hold therein.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Jones*, of the *Northern Liberties* of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and branding Flour exported from the City and County of *Philadelphia*.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Member presented to the Chair, Accounts of the Monies

disbursed and received by the Board of Wardens for the Port of *Philadelphia*, from the Year 1766 to the 15th of *January*, 1771, which were read by Order, and directed to lie on the Table for the Inspection of the Members.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 30, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of the Twenty-eighth Instant, with the Papers attending the same, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ashbridge* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

An Address from the Proprietors of the China Manufactory, lately erected in the District of *Southwark*, was presented to the House, read, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *now sitting.*

The ADDRESS *of the* Proprietors *of the* CHINA MANUFACTORY.

WORTHY SIRS,

WE the Subscribers, actuated as strongly by the sincerest Attachment to the Interest of the Public as to our private Emolument, have at our sole Risque and Expence introduced into this Province a Manufacture of Porcelain or China Earthen Ware, a Commodity, which, by Beauty and Excellence, hath forced its Way into every refined Part of the Globe, and created various imitative Attempts, in its Progress through the different Kingdoms and Principalities of *Europe*, under the Sanction and Encouragement of their several Potentates. *Great-Britain*, which hath not been the least backward in Royal Testimonials of Favour to the first Adventurers in so capital an Undertaking, cannot yet boast of any great Superiority in Workmanship, surpassing *Denmark*, *France* and the *Austrian Netherlands*, she yields the Palm to *Saxony*,

which in her Turn gives Place to the *East-Indies*. *America*, in this general Struggle, hath hitherto been unthought of, and it is our peculiar Happiness to have been primarily instrumental in bringing her forward; but how far she shall proceed, in a great Measure depends on the Influence of your generous Support. We have expended great Sums in bringing from *London* Workmen of acknowledged Abilities, have established them there, erected spacious Buildings, Mills, Kilns, and various Requisites, and brought the Work, we flatrer ourselves, into no contemptable Train of Perfection. A Sample of it we respectfully submit to the Inspection of your Honourable House, praying it may be viewed with a favourable Eye, having Reference to the Disadvantages under which we engaged;—if happy enough to merit your Approbation, we would not wish to aspire at the Presumption of dictating the Measure of your Encouragement, but with all Humility hint at the Manner.—You, Gentlemen, who are appointed to a dignified Pre-eminence by the free Votes of your Countrymen, as well for your known Attachment to their truest Welfare, as superior Knowledge, must be sensible, that capital Works are not to be carried on by inconsiderable Aids or Advancements: Hence it is, we beg Leave to point out the Propriety of a Provincial Loan, at the Discretion of your Honourable House, independent of Interest, for a certain Term of Years. Under such Indulgence, on our Part, we shall not be deficient in the Display of a lively Gratitude, and the Promotion of the Colony's service, by the introducing of an additional Number of experienced Workmen, the Extension of our Buildings, and Improvement of the Manufacture, endeavouring to render it equal in Quality to such as is usually imported, and vending it at a cheaper Rate. We have the Honour to be, with the most profound Respect,

Worthy Sirs, *Your obedient Servants*,

GOUSSE BONNIN,

Philadelphia, January 22, 1771. GEO. ANTH. MORRIS."

Mr. *Dickinson*, by Request of the Managers, laid before the House a State of the Accounts of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital for the past Year, which was read by Order, and is as follows;

STATE *of the* Accounts *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *adjusted by the* Managers, *being a Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year, ending the First of the* Fifth Month (May), 1770, *laid before the Contributors, at their Annual Meeting, held at the said Hospital at that Time.*

BALANCE of Samuel P. Moore's Accounts, ending last Year, — — —	£	7	0	4			
of Robert Slade's (Steward and Apothecary) ditto — — — — —		24	2	10½			
					£	31	3	2½

RECEIPTS this Year, *viz.*

Three Bonds paid by Borrowers of Money — — — — —						1500	0	0
Sundry Contributors, their Notes paid off — — — — —						115	0	0
Interest money from the Borrowers of Money lent — — — — — — — —	£	409	15	3½				
from sundry Contributors Interest of their Notes — — — — — —		98	10	6				
						508	5	9½
Contributions and Benefactions from private Persons — — — — — — —	£	638	18	9				
Legacies by Will — — — — — — —		1,040	0	0				
						1678	18	9
Annuities this Year — — — — — — — — — —						98	8	0
For the Board of Pay Patients — — — — — — — —						326	3	1
Ground-rents and Rents — — — — — — — — —						110	1	0
Fourteen Students for the Privilege of attending Dr. Bond's Clinical Lectures — — — — — — — —						11	18	0
From sundry Persons for viewing the Anatomical Painings and Casts — — — — — — — — —						2	7	6
For sundry Flour-Casks sold — — — — — — — —						0	19	6
Charity Boxes, *viz.*								
The Hospital's in the Hall — — —	£	15	2	7½				
The Provincial Assembly's — — — —		1	8	8				
Henry Hale Graham, Esquire's — — —		5	0	0				
						21	11	3½
					£	4404	16	1½
Balance remaining due to the Matron — — — — —						11	15	9
					£	4416	11	10½

PAYMENTS this Year, *viz.*

Notes taken from two new Contributors for their Subscriptions — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	23	10	0
Sundry Disbursements on the Building, &c. — — — — — — — — —	£	102	2	6½				
Towards finishing the Laboratory, &c.		231	18	9				
An additional Number of Beds, Bedding, &c. — — — — — — — —		91	8	3				
						430	9	6½
Mary Harrison, the Money borrowed of her and Interest thereof — — — — — — — — — — — —						326	18	0
Money lent on Interest — — — — — — — — — —						640	0	0
Drugs and Medicines — — — — — — — — — —						136	11	6½
					£	1557	9	1
Incidental Charges, viz.								
A Horse — — — — — — — — — —	£	10	0	0				
Postage of Letters, Parchment and Wafers — — — — — — — — —		1	4	1				
Stationary Ware of David Hall — —		5	5	0				
						16	9	1
Wages to the Apothecary, Matron, Nurses, Servants, &c.						191	8	2½
Common Expenses of Housekeeping, *viz.*								
Fire-Wood and Coal — — — — — — — —	£	199	17	11				
Butchers Meat — — — — — — — —		295	2	10				
Milk, Flour, Indian Corn, Sugar, Melasses, Beer, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Potatoes, Turnips, Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, &c. &c. — — — — —		944	4	0¼				
						1439	4	9¼
					£	3204	11	2
Balance remaining due to the Hospital, *viz.*								
In the Hands of the Treasurer — — —	£	462	0	8½				

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£	462 0 8½	
And in the Hands of David and John Barclay, of London, a Bill of Exchange, remitted them to be negotiated there for £ 500 Sterl. — —		750 0 0	
			1212 0 8½
	£		4416 11 10½

A LIST *of New Contributions in the Year, ending the First of* Fifth Month, 1770.

William Gale, Esq; from Jamaica, £ 50 Sterl. — — —	£	80 0 0	
Reynold Keen — —		20 0 0	
James Haldane —		7 10 0	
Benjamin Harbeson		10 0 0	
Philip Alberti — —		3 16 3	
Archibald Dick —		3 0 0	
Robert Pleasants —		2 3 6	
A Person in England (unknown) a Guinea — —		1 14 0	
William Wister —		110 0 0	
Abraham Usher —		100 0 0	
Samuel Neave, additional — — — —		85 0 0	
Jacob Harman — —		85 0 0	
Grey, Fletcher and Company — — —		14 0 0	
Caleb Foulke — —		13 0 0	
Henry Hale Graham, Esq; — —		10 0 0	
Israel Hallowell —		10 0 0	
Isaac Jones Carpenter — — —		10 0 0	
Robert Wickersham, additional — —		10 0 0	
John Bringhurst, of Germantown — —		10 0 0	
Ellis Lewis — —		10 0 0	
Dr. Adam Kuhn —		13 10 0	
Benjamin Rush —		10 0 0	
Isaac Jones, Esq; —		2 10 7	
John Gibson — —		2 10 7	
Isaac Greenleafe —		2 10 8	
Daniel Roberdeau —		2 10 8	
Joseph Richardson (Merchant) — —		3 7 6	
John Nixon — —		3 7 6	
Thomas Wharton —		3 7 6	
	£		638 18 9
LEGACIES, viz.			
Charles Harrison, late of Boston, New England, £ 500 Sterl. — —	£	750 0 0	
Isaac Norris, Esq;		100 0 0	
Edward Hill, of Bucks County, —		100 0 0	
William Coleman, Esq; — — — —		50 0 0	
Peter Delage — —		40 0 0	
			1040 0 0
	£		1678 18 9

CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, Fifth Month First, 1770.

Bonds and Promissory Notes due from sundry Contributors for their respective Subscriptions — — — — —	£	1954 13 4
Subscriptions for which Notes are not yet obtained —		96 10 0
Mortgages and Bonds for Money lent on Interest — —		6265 19 0
Real Estate, per Deeds in the Custody of the Treasurer, *viz.*		
A Lot of Ground in the Northern Liberties, on Germantown Road, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	24 0 0
An Annuity of £ 6 per Annum, issuing out of a House and Lot in Derby — — — — — — — — — —		100 0 0
Three Annuities, amounting to £ 10:1:4, per Annum, issuing out of three Houses and Lots in Philadelphia —		200 0 0
An Annuity of 14 Pistoles per Annum, issuing out of a House and Lot in Chestnut-street — — — — — —		378 0 0
Three Annuities, amounting to 17 and a Half Spanish Pistoles per Annum, issuing out of Houses and Lots in the District of Southwark — — — — — — — — —		400 2 0
The Moiety of the Square next Westward of the Hospital, with the House thereon — — — — — — — —		443 17 6
The Moiety of the Square next Eastward of the Hospital		607 0 0
Doctor John Fothergill's Donation of Anatomical Paintings and Casts — — — — — — — — — — — —		350 0 0
		£10,820 1 10

And an Annuity of £ 6, per Annum, during the Life of Joseph Mountz. Besides the Lot on which the Hospital is erected, and the Buildings.

By a List of the Names and Cases of the Patients, it appears there have been admitted into this Hospital within the Year, ending the First of the Fifth Month, (May) 1770, 483 poor diseased Persons, amongst whom were 75 Lunatics, or such who were disordered in their Understanding. And

Discharged, Cured		276
	Relieved	29
	Eloped, most of them Relieved	10
	For irregular Behaviour	5
	At Request of their Friends	10
	At their own Request	4
	Died	34
	Incurable	1
		369
Remain		114
Total		483

Copy from the Minutes of the Managers.

JAMES PEMBERTON.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Crosby*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Edmunds* be a Committee to visit the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, and Report the State and Oeconomy thereof to the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and for confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 31, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Commissioners to open Parts of two Roads leading from* Reading *to the* Susquehanna," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House then took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the Rivers* Codorus *and* Connewago, *in* York *County*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message of the Twenty-eighth Instant, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which

they presented to the Chair, and the same being read by Order, was referred to further Consideration in the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of their Answer to his Honour's Message of *Monday* last, which being read by Paragraphs, and, after some Alterations, agreed to, was ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 1, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and their Answer to the Governor's Message being transcribed according to Order, was compared at the Table, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your Honour,

WE have taken into Consideration your Message of *Monday* last, with the Papers therein referred to, and have paid the strictest Attention, as it was our Duty, to the Representation made to us in the Name of our gracious Sovereign. We are extremely sensible of how great Importance it is to "his Majesty's Interest and the Peace and Welfare of the Colonies, to cultivate a lasting Friendship with the *Indians*, and to conciliate their Affections," and are very desirous of giving all the Assistance we can for promoting Purposes of such extensive Consequence; but we have too much Reason to be convinced that our Power, on this Occasion, is not equal to our Zeal for his Majesty's Service and the Tranquility of the Colonies.

A Law was made in this Province many Years ago, to prevent those particular "Abuses in the Trade," which are mentioned in Sir *William Johnson's* Letter to the Earl of *Hillsborough*. The Regulations therein contained are so prudently formed, and so severely enforced, that we are inclined to believe, it will be impossible for us, without the Concurrence of the other Colonies in some general Plan, to pursue any Mode that will prove effectual on this Head.

Numbers of very profligate Persons from several Provinces go amongst the *Indians* to trade, and as they traffick through the whole Country without Restraint, and may elude the Laws of the Government to which they belong, by retiring into another, Difficulties arise in detecting and convicting Offenders, that, we apprehend, cannot be removed, but by the Method proposed in your Honour's Message to the late House of Assembly, recommending to them to frame a Bill for appointing

Commissioners to meet with other Commissioners from the neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree upon a general Plan for the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade, with which they complied; but as a Meeting of those Commissioners has not hitherto been had, the desired Effect hath not yet been attained.

As to the "Violences" in general complained of by the *Indians* in the Congress at the *German Flats*, we beg Leave to observe, that this Province hath ever been careful to remove every Cause of *Indian* Complaints.—In the Eighth Year of the present Reign, this Province granted by Law *Three Thousand Pounds*, "for defraying the Expence of Presents of Condolence, and such other Gifts as should be necessary to remove the Discontents of the *Indians*."—Much the greater Part of this Sum was remitted to Sir *William Johnson* and his Deputy *George Crogham*, Esq; and the Whole expended for those Purposes. The *Indians*, on these Presents being made, expressed themselves to be entirely satisfied for all the Injuries they had received from the People of *Pennsylvania*.—The Laws now subsisting have fully provided for the Punishment of those who shall hereafter offer any Outrages within the Limits of this Province.

With Respect to the last Subject fo the Complaints made by the *Indians*, concerning "Encroachments of the Frontier-Inhabitants" on their Lands, we beg Leave to remind your Honour, that the Year before the last an Act of General Assembly was passed, imposing heavy Penalties on Persons who should presume to settle, make Surveys, or cut down Trees on any Lands within the Boundaries of this Province not purchased of the *Indians*; Provision having been made in the Reign of the late King to prevent any Persons even from Hunting on such Lands. Motives of "Duty, Justice and Policy" will ever induce us to take all proper Means for redressing the Grievances of *Indians*, and establishing an Intercourse with them on Terms that may produce a permanent and mutually beneficial Harmony.

If your Honour can point out any Measures likely to answer this good End, that have not occurred to us, we shall chearfully and immediately unite with you to carry them into Execution.

Signed by Order of the House,

February 1, 1771. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Israel Jacobs* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Answer to his Message.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware *and* Leheigh, *&c. common Highways, and for improving the Navigation in the said Rivers*," which being in Part read, and some Objections arising to the said Bill, the same was recommitted to the Committee that brought it in, for Amendment.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 2, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer to his Message of *Monday* last, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

Mr. *Montgomery*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a separate County*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee of Grievances appointed to visit the Gaol and examine into the different Circumstances of the Debtors, who have petitioned this House for Enlargement, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

IN Pursuance of the Order of the House, we the Committee of Grievances having met at the Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, and made Enquiry into the Cases and Circumstances of the several Debtors now confined there, who have at this Session made Application to the House for Relief with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, and had either notified their Creditors or Attornies in the public News-Papers, or otherwise given due Notice of such Application, and of our Meeting to hear them with their respective Creditors. And having heard the said Debtors, and the Allegations of such Creditors and Attornies as appeared, your Committee beg

Leave to report, that it is their Opinion, that *Amos Walker*, *Mark M'Causland*, *Thomas Yearsly*, *John Justason*, *Thomas Turner*, *James Skinner* and *Samuel Brown* are not entitled to the Relief they pray for;—that *Charles Hicks*, being indebted several *Hundred Pounds* to different People in the Province of *New-York*, and only a Sum of about *Forty Shillings* to a Gentleman in *Philadelphia*, your Committee apprehend the said *Hicks*, under such Circumstances, should be strictly enjoined and required to give long and timely Notice in the News-Papers of this City of his intended Application, before he can with any Propriety be indulged in the Prayer of his Petition.—Your Committee have likewise had before them the Assignee of the principal Creditor of *Martin Brenise*, a Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of *York*, from whose Allegations they are induced to believe that the said *Brenise* intends to defraud his Creditors, having suddenly (before he was apprehended) removed his Family, his Stock of Cattle, Shop-Goods and other Effects to *Virginia*, of all which there appears nothing in his Surrender.—Your Committee do further report, that *John Martin* and *Thomas Mayfield* since their Petitions to the House have been discharged from Confinement, and do beg Leave to recommend *George Hawkins*, *Jonathan Hobby* and *Conrad Kehmle* as Persons having some Claim to the Relief they Petition for.——The Cases of *Thomas York*, Jun. *George Wachter* and *Richard Price*, Prisoners in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, and *Matthew Neal*, a Prisoner in the Gaol of the Town of *York*, appear to the Committee to require further Examination:—All which is submitted to the House by

February 2, 1771.

JOHN JACOBS, Jun.	HENRY PAWLING,
WILLIAM EDMUNDS,	MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
THOMAS MINSHALL,	JOHN BROWN."

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 4, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Owners of a Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in *Frederick* Township, in the County of *Philadelphia*, commonly called the *Perkiomen Copper-Mine Tract*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said Tract, upon a legal Process of Court, was taken in Execution, and on the Twenty-fourth Day of *February*,

17 23/24, was sold and delivered by *Owen Roberts*, then High-Sheriff of the said County, to *Andrew Hamilton*, late of the City of *Philadelphia*, Esq; deceased;—that at the Time of said Purchase it was intended that the said Land, with all its Mines, Minerals and Ore should be held in Sixteen equal Parts or Shares by the said *Andrew Hamilton* and other Partners in the said Mine Company, and their Heirs, and that each of them, and their Heirs and Assigns should pay their Proportion of the Purchase-Money and of all Expences of digging, searching for and getting of Copper-Ore, if any should be found within the said Tract, or otherwise that any Owner or Owners who should refuse or neglect to pay his or their Part or Parts of the Purchase or Expences of carrying on the said Mine should thenceforth forfeit all his or their Right or Shares in the said Land and Mine to the remaining Owners, or to so many of them as being willing to take more Shares should pay the Money due from the delinquent Owners at the Time of their Forfeitures;—that from the Year 1723 to 1757, the Petitioners, or their Predecessors, Owners of several of the original Sixteenth Parts have been obliged at their own Expence to carry on the said Mine, through the Neglect or Refusal of a few others of the original Owners or Claimants under them, to pay their respective Quotas of the Charges that have accrued in carrying of the aforesaid Copper-Mine; but in some Instances the Petitioners apprehend, that the delinquent Owners have even neglected or refused to pay their Proportion of the Purchase-Money, although they might well have known that by such Neglect or Refusal they would forfeit their Right to the aforesaid Land and Mine;—that the Petitioners after such a Length of Time cannot ascertain the true original Owners of the aforesaid Sixteen Parts, not knowing all who may have received Deeds from the aforesaid *Andrew Hamilton*, much less do they know to whom the Rights of some (if not already forfeited) have been transferred by Sale, Devise or Successions, and therefore know not with whom to settle these Difficulties, and the more especially as the Petitioners apprehend some of such Owners have removed beyond Sea, and as all the delinquent Owners have for many Years forborne to make any Claim, perhaps from Conviction that they had by their own Concessions and Non-Payments forfeited their Rights of said Land and Mine, so that under these Circumstances the undivided Shares in the Premises, belong-

ing to the Petitioners, are rendered very uncertain and of little Value, as they can neither possess or use them to much Advantage to themselves, or let or sell them to others, and that without the Aid and Assistance of the Legislature of this Province, the Rights of the Petitioners, or of any other Person claiming a Share in the Premises, can in no other Manner, as they conceive, be so easily ascertained or determined:— Wherefore the Petitioners respectfully pray Leave to bring in a Bill for vesting the aforesaid Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in Trustees, to be sold, and for prescribing the Method by which the Money arising from such Sale may most equitably be distributed to and among the rightful Owners of the several Sixteenth Parts of the said Land and Mine, and dissolve the said Company. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Loaf Bread Bakers of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the late Act of Assembly for regulating the Assize of Bread in the said City is expired, and on that Account much Uneasiness and divers Complaints have arisen, and are still likely to increase, to the Inconvenience not only of the Petitioners, but also of divers Inhabitants, except a Law be passed to prevent it, particularly as the Petitioners are informed there is an old Act in Force, and intended to be put in Execution, whereby the Assize of Middling Bread is set so high that the Bakers cannot afford to make it agreeable to the said Act, and the Want of Such Bread would prove a great Disadvantage to the Poor:—Wherefore the Petitioners pray the House to prepare a Bill to ascertain the Assize of Bread, and that the Prices of the Loaves may be 2d. 4d. 8d. and 12d. as in the late Law was directed; and for as much as the Prices of Wheat and Flour do not bear a just Proportion with each other, the Petitioners further crave, that the Assize of the several Kinds of Loaf Bread may be regulated by the current Price of superfine Flour and Middlings of that Kind, confiding that the House will grant them such Relief as may, in their Wisdom, be judged reasonable.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Joseph Cook*, of the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that on the Twenty-fifth Day of *October* last the Petitioner's Barn, two Stables and a Sheep-House were destroyed by Fire;— that the Barn was full of Grain, and that four Barracks of Grain adjoining it were also consumed;—that the Petitioner's Loss on this Occasion amounted to at least *Two Hundred*

Pounds lawful Money of this Province; that the Fire was willfully kindled by a certain Negroe (named *Candy*) belonging to the Petitioner, as appeared by the said Negroe's own voluntary Confession;—that immediately after committing the Crime, he fled into the Woods and concealed himself there two or three Weeks, during which Time his Feet and Ankles were so severely frostbitten, that had he continued but a very few Days longer so exposed to the Weather he must unavoidably have perished;—that after his Return, he was kept in the Petitioner's House, where, notwithstanding all proper Measures were taken for his Recovery, he died on the Eighth Day of *December* following, before a Commission could be obtained to try him for the Crime of which he had confessed himself guilty;—that the Petitioner cannot recover the Value of the said Negroe in the Mode directed by the Act of Assembly for the Trial of Negroes, and has no Prospect of ever receiving it, unless by an Application to the Honourable House, he therefore prays they would be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and give him such Compensation for the Loss of said Negroe as they may think reasonable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Gemmel*, of *Derry* Township, (near Fort *Granville)* in the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner about the End of the first *Indian* War purchased an House and Lot in the Town of *Carlisle*, in the County aforesaid, next adjoining the House of *Adam Hoops*, Esq; and there followed his Occupation (of Clock- and Watch-Making and Working in Silver) several Years;—that his Family increasing, he rented his House and Lot in *Carlisle*, and removed to the Farm where he now dwells, near Sixty Miles North-Westward of *Carlisle*, and left in the Garret of his House in *Carlisle* aforesaid some wild Cherry-Tree Tables and Black Walnut Chairs, until an Opportunity of carrying them to his present Dwelling-place should offer;—that by Accident a Fire broke out in the Kitchen of the next Neighbour, which soon caught the Roof of the Petitioner's House, and consumed the same, with what he left in it, to Ashes, one Desk excepted;—that in the Night of the 29th of *April* last, the Petitioner and his Family (except his Negroe-Man) being in Bed, his Dwelling-House on the Farm, where he now lives, took Fire, of which the said Negroe gave immediate Notice, whereby the Petitioner and his Family all escaped the Flames, except a Negro-Child, who was burned, with all the Goods in the House,

Wearing-Apparel of the Family, (save some Part of the Petitioner's Cloathing) the Tools of his Operation, his Books, Papers and Money, together with a Part of the Tax-Money he had collected, of which Losses, occasioned by this last Fire, a more particular Account will appear from the Petitioner's Deposition herewith laid before the House;—that the Damages suffered by the Petitioner from the aforesaid Fires being great and well known to many Inhabitants of the said County, he humbly prays the Honourable House to take his distressed Case into Consideration, and grant him such Relief as to them shall appear reasonable.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Patrick Sheedy*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the Circumstances of the Petitioner, and praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Isaac Thomas*, of the County of *Chester*, with the Model of a Machine invented by him for threshing Grain, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion by a Member,

That Part of the Duties imposed by a late Act of Parliament on certain Articles imported into the Colonies, remains unrepealed, and that great Danger to the Rights of the *Americans* is justly apprehended from the Continuance of such a precedent for taxing them without their Consent,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Browne*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Petition to his Majesty in Council, humbly praying Relief, by his gracious Interposition with the Parliament for obtaining a Repeal of the Duty remaining on Tea, *&c.* imported into the *American* Colonies.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 5, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, with sundry Depositions and other Papers therein referred to, which were severally read by Order, and the said Message follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'I Think it proper to inform you that with the Concurrence

of the late House of Assembly, I issued in the Month of *October* last a Proclamation offering a Reward of *Fifty Pounds* to any Person who should apprehend *Lazarus Stewart* of *Lancaster* County, for certain Crimes with which he stood charged, and deliver him up to Justice; and that he was taken upon that Proclamation, and delivered into the Custody of the Sheriff of *York* County, from whom he made his Escape.

'I have inquired into the Conduct of the Sheriff on that Occasion, and though it does not appear to me that he was any way consenting or privy to the Escape, the Conduct of those to whom he entrusted the Care of the Prisoner on their Way to *Philadelphia* (while he himself retired to Rest, being much indisposed) is not altogether free from Suspicion.

'The Secretary will lay before you a Letter I received from Mr. *Samuel Johnson*, to which, and the Information of the *York* Members, I refer you for a more particular Account of this Affair.

'I am also to acquaint you, that the same *Lazarus Stewart*, far from being awed by the Proceedings of Government against him, has, since his Escape, put himself at the Head of a Number of People of his Neighbourhood, of the same lawless Disposition with himself, and, with an armed Force, has taken Possession of the Lands at *Wyoming*, turning off from thence the People in Possession, and treating them in the most inhuman and barbarous Manner. Complaint having been made (supported by Affidavit) to one of the Supreme Judges, of this violent Proceeding, he issued his Warrant, directed to all Sheriffs and Officers of Justice, to apprehend the said *Stewart* and some of his Accomplices; and the Sheriff of *Northampton*, in Obedience thereto, and in Consequence of a Writ, which issued out of the Court of Quarter Sessions of that County, for taking the said *Stewart* and many others to answer an Indictment there found and depending against them for a former Riot, raised the Posse, and going to *Wyoming*, where the said *Stewart* and many others had shut themselves up in a Fort, he took the legal Steps to execute the King's Writ and Warrant; but the said *Stewart* and his Associates, setting themselves above all Law, refused him Admittance, stood on their Defence with Arms in their Hands, threatened to put to Death the Sheriff and his Party, and in the End, in cool Blood, and in the most treacherous Manner, murdered *Nathan Ogden*, one of the Posse, who came to the Fort to parley with them in a friendly Way, at their own Request, and wounded several others. And on the same Day, in the Dusk

of the Evening, the said *Stewart* and his Company made their Escape from the Fort.—The several Dispositions and Papers which prove the above stated Facts, I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you.

'The Necessity of pursuing these daring Offenders, as well as the dangerous Tendency of such licentious and insolent Proceedings, are my Inducements to recommend these Matters, in the warmest Manner, to your Consideration, in order that you may cooperate with me in such Measures as may not only bring the Criminals to speedy Justice, but also put a Stop to that ungovernable Spirit, which is too prevalent in many Parts of our Back-Settlements, and which loudly calls for Laws more severe than those already in being.

February 4, 1771. *JOHN PENN.*"

A Petition from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Act of Assembly for enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the said City, and for supporting a Nightly Watch, *&c.* which has been of great Service to the Citizens, is expired;—that, upon the best Information, the Petitioners find no Reason to complain of any Neglect of Duty in the Wardens, nor of any Misapplication of Money levied by Virtue of the said Act;—that the Watch and Lamps are well known to be of a great Utility, and the public Pumps, being generally in good Order, are a great Security to the Houses of the Inhabitants against Fire;—that the Supplement to the late Act, which impowered the Wardens to assess every Family, Householder, and others, (who made Use of the public Pumps) would have enabled them to take all such Pumps as were offered to them, had it been in their Power to collect such Assessment, and had not the said Supplement been repealed, through its Inconvenience to the Citizens, the same Difficulty being found by the Wardens in collecting such Assessments that was experienced by the Owners before the Passing of the said Act;— that the Petitioners are of Opinion, there is a Necessity of erecting more Lamps, and of placing a greater Number of Pumps under the Care of the Wardens, and that the Sums of Money annually raised and applied to these Purposes have not been sufficient to defray the Expences thereof: Wherefore they request the Honourable House to make such further Provision therein as to them may seem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The several Bills following, *viz.* "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor;*" "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the*

Township of Passyunk, *and for confirming a new Road, laid out and made instead thereof;*" "*An Act for appointing Commissioners for opening and maintaining Parts of two Roads therein mentioned,*" and, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the Rivers* Codorus *and* Connewago, *in* York *County,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *James* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bills entitled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the said River and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same,*" and, "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 6, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act against Adultery and Fornication,*" which being read the first time was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of Yesterday, with the several Affidavits and Letters attending the same, and after some time spent therein, the following Questions were put by the Speaker, *viz.*

First, Whether the Governor shall be requested by the House to issue his Proclamation, offering a Reward of *Three Hundred Pounds* lawful Money of this Province to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend *Lazarus Stewart* and safely deliver him at the Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia?*— *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Secondly, Whether the House will appoint a Committee to bring in a Bill for the Trial of the said *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices in the County of *Philadelphia?*—

Carried in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed Yesterday, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bills into Consideration and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Trial of *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices in the County of *Philadelphia*.

Resolved, That the Governor be enabled to offer a Reward of *Fifty Pounds* lawful Money of this Province for apprehending and securing in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, each of the following Persons, *viz. James Stewart*, *William Stewart*, *John Simpson*, *William Speedy*, *William Young*, *John M'Daniel* (alias *Donnel)* and *Richard Cooke*, Accomplices of the above named *Lazarus Stewart* in the late cruel and treacherous Murder of *Nathan Ogden*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Foulke* and Mr. *Crosby* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message of Yesterday.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 7, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Ordered, That the Tanners and Shoemakers upon Application for a Copy of the said Bill be furnished therewith, paying the Clerk for his Trouble.

Ordered, That this House will proceed to the second Reading of the said Bill for the Manufacturing of Leather on *Tuesday* next.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message of *Tuesday* last, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented at the Table, and the same being read by Order, was referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of their Answer to the Governor's Message, which being again read, was after

some Alterations, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be transcribed.

The Committee to which the Bill, entituled "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware *and* Leheigh, *&c. common Highways,*" &c. was recommitted for Amendment, reported the said Bill, with some Alterations, which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 8, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Answer to the Governor's Message being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

HAVING considered your Message of *Tuesday* last, with the Papers therein referred to, we are extremely concerned to hear that so heinous and dangerous an Offender, as *Lazarus Stewart*, has found Means to elude the Execution of Justice for his former Crimes, and thereby has procured an Opportunity of adding to his Guilt by committing the late horrid Murder at *Wyoming*; and we hope your Honour will order the strictest Enquiry to be made into the Conduct of those who had the Custody of the Prisoner.

This recent Instance recalls to our Memory so many of the same Kind in our Back-Counties, where Miscreants, who have at once stained themselves with Sins of the deepest Die, and have offered the highest Insults to Administration, have escaped with Impunity, that we fear, unless some more successful Method of securing Criminals can be devised, to deserve signal Punishment and to escape it, in some Parts of this Province, will become equally common.

The Outrages arising from the Confederacy of so many desperate Ruffians, who have at Length perpetrated "in a most treacherous Manner," and with an audacious Contempt of Government, the Murder of a Person acting in Obedience to the Laws, too plainly evince "the dangerous Tendency of such licentious Proceedings, and the Necessity of pursuing these daring Offenders.

We therefore request the Governor to issue a Proclamation, offering a Reward of *Three Hundred Pounds* to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend the said *Lazarus Stewart*, and safely deliver him to the Sheriff of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, at the Gaol of the said County;

and a Reward of *Fifty Pounds* for apprehending and delivering to the said Sheriff at the same Place, each of these his Accomplices, *James Stewart*, *William Stewart*, *John Simpson*, *William Speedy*, *William Young*, *John M'Daniel* (alias *Donnel)* and *Richard Cooke*.

So desirious are we of giving all the Aid in our Power for Punishing such atrocius Violators of divine and human Laws, vindicating the Honour of this Province, and securing the public Tranquillity, that we shall immediately proceed to those further Measures we judge to be most effectual for putting a Stop to that ungovernable Spirit which is too prevalent in many Parts of our Back-Settlements.

Signed by Order of the House,

February 8, 1771. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Message and deliver the same.

A Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Remonstrants having received from the late Assembly a Sum of Money towards relieving the Distresses of the *French* Neutrals in this City, beg Leave to lay before the House an Account of the Distribution thereof, and, in Behalf of the said Neutrals, to return their grateful Acknowledgments for the seasonable Assistance it afforded them, though inadequate to their real Wants;——and also to represent to the House the unhappy Situation of these poor People, whose present Circumstances are known only to the Remonstrants and a few charitable Persons in the City;—that many of them are aged, blind, maimed, infirm and Idiots, utterly incapable of helping themselves, depending on others for Subsistance without any Provision for the same but the Bounty of the Inhabitants of the City, who have an heavy Burthen of other Poor to support;—that in distributing the Sum granted as aforesaid, the Remonstrants were much concerned to find it short of affording the temporary Relief which the House intended, and that they were under the Necessity of advancing more than was granted, in Confidence of a Reimbursement from the public Stock;—that the Remonstrants being much affected with the daily Applications and Sufferings of these unhappy People, request the Honourable House to take their Case into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Zeller*, of the City of *Philadelphia*,

Innholder, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and sealing of Leather manufactured in this Province. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House proceeding further in the Consideration of the Governor's Message, concerning the late Disturbance in the County of *Northampton.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox,* Mr. *Rhoads,* Mr. *James* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing tumultuous and riotous Assemblies and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware, Leheigh, *&c. common Highways,*" &c. which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a second Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message of *Tuesday* last, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing tumultuous and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was by special Order again read, and ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a separate County,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 9, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Minshall* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and acquaint his Honour, that if it suits his Convenience to enact the said Bill into a Law this Morning, the Country Members will continue in till Twelve o'Clock for that Purpose.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning some Regulation of the Nightly Watch, and for the better Support of Lamps and Pumps in the said City, was presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Petitions from *John Guest* and *Jacob Naglee*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and sealing Leather by the Bill now before the House, to prevent Frauds and Abuses in that Manufacture.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies*," &c. reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Owners of the *Perkiomen* Copper-Mine Tract was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners do forthwith lay the Deeds and other Documents referred to in their said Petition, before the House.

The Governor, by Mr Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*," and acquainted the House, that he would be immediately at the Council Chamber to enact the same into a Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr *Fox* do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bill after the same shall be passed into a Law, and deposite the said Law in the Rolls Office.

A Message by Mr. Secretary.

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House to enact into a Law the Bill he has just returned with his Assent."

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole House, waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on his Honour and presented the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*," to which the Governor had been pleased to confirm his Assent by enacting the same into a Law.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 11, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Law passed on *Saturday* last, and to deposite the said Law in the Rolls Office, reported the same had been done according to Order.

A Petition from divers Owners of Marsh in the Township of *Bristol*, and County of *Bucks*, (called the *Pidgeon Swamp*) for draining the same, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, and that they forthwith give public Notice thereof to all Persons concerned.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they have repeatedly suffered great Losses among their Sheep from the many unnecessary Dogs too generally kept in the Country, and praying Relief by a Law for laying a Tax upon the Keeper of every supernumerary Dog.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 12, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a Bridge over *Skippack* Creek, in the County of *Philadelphia*, reported they had essayed a Draught for the Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the several Petitions from the Citizens and the Representation from the Grand-Jury of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning the Pumps, Lamps and Nightly Watch in the said City, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Nightly Watch and enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of *Philadelphia*, &c.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Trial of *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices in the City of *Philadelphia*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the

same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Petition to the King's most excellent Majesty in Council, reported they had made an Essay for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, was referred to further Consideration.

The Bills entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware *and* Leheigh, *&c. common Highways, and for improving the Navigation in the said Rivers,*" and, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a separate County,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 13, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

A Petition from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, praying that Enquiry may be made into the Conduct of the Commissioners and Assessors of the said County from the Time of dividing and erecting the same, the Petitioners being credibly informed that the Malpractices of those who have latterly executed the said Offices, must have taken their Rise from the evil Example of their Predecessors.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Nightly Watch and enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of *Philadelphia*, &c. reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing

Wardens for the Port of *Philadelphia*, for regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of *Delaware*, &c.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the better securing and punishing certain Offenders therein mentioned*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for building a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek, in the County of* Philadelphia," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Owners of the *Perkiomen* Copper-Mine Tract having, pursuant to the Order of *Saturday* last, laid before the House the Deeds and other Documents referred to in their Petition, the same were read, and being duly considered by the Members,

Ordered, That the said Owners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes mentioned in their Petition.

The Committee appointed to visit the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, reported the State and Oeconomy thereof in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that in Obedience to the Order of the House, they have this Day visited the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, and having examined the several Wards and Apartments, find they are kept clean and in good Order, and that a great Number of Sick, Maimed and Diseased are therein properly provided for, and duly taken Care of. Your Committee also are of Opinion, that the benevolent Assiduity of the Managers and Physicians, who have generously given their Attendance, has, under the Favour of Divine Providence, contributed to the Relief and Recovery of many unhappy Persons, according to the Intentions of the charitable Benefactors to this excellent Institution.

February 13, 1771. JOSEPH PARKER, ISRAEL JACOBS, JOHN DICKINSON, MICHAEL SWOOPE WILLIAM EDMONDS."

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Carpenter* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, entituled, "*An Act that no public House or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 14, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carpenter* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor and acquaint him the House request to know whether he has yet received any Answer from General *Gage* respecting the Damages suffered by divers Waggoners in the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland*, who were impressed with their Teams into his Majesty's Service by Colonel *Wilkins* on his March to Fort *Pitt*.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Foulke* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the immediate raising the Sum of *Fifteen Thousand Pounds* for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*.

A Petition from *Joseph Ogden*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and sealing of Leather.

A Petition from the Tanners of the City of *Philadelphia*, and Parts adjacent, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners having been favoured with a Copy of a Bill now under Consideration of the House, which, if passed into a Law, will greatly affect them in their Trade and Business, they humbly beg Leave to lay before the House some Reasons against the same.

Restraints upon Trade generally, and laying Burthens of Expence and Trouble upon particular Occupations, the Petitioners would observe, are only to be justified by apparent public Necessity ;—and though the Bill in Question seems to be founded upon such an Allegation, the Petitioners humbly but earnestly disavow any Frauds or Abuses in their Trade or any Decline in the Goodness and Worth of their Manufacture ;—they wish and desire an Enquiry into this Matter, and cannot but express some Concern, that upon a former Occasion they suggested a mode of Enquiry, which was not understood, or unintentionally passed over by a Committee of a former Assembly ; the Petitioners therefore now submit it to the Consideration of the House, and request that proper Persons may be appointed to examine their Wares, and see whether they have not made great Improvements of late Years ;—the Petitioners would now humbly submit, whether a Law laying any Restrictions upon their Trade in its present Situation would be expedient or proper?—To judge of this, the Petitioners beg Leave to lay before the House the State of their Manufacture, and its particular Circumstances, which

are such, that the Petitioners, on full Consideration, are convinced, that the proposed Regulations will destroy the Manufacture instead of improving it.—The Consumption of tanned Leather in this Province far exceeds the raw Materials the Province can furnish, so that the Demand for foreign Hides and the Use of foreign Leather are every Day increasing, and the Petitioners rely so much upon the former, that they could not carry on their Business to any considerable Extent without them; that the neighbouring Provinces have the same Dependance, and the Petitioners are informed there are standing Orders in this City for the Exportation of raw Hides;—any Restraint or Provincial Burthen therefore upon a Trade so delicately circumstanced, the Petitioners conceive will give the neighbouring Provinces and the Exporters of Hides, who are under no such Burthen, a manifest Advantage over them;—that the Forms and Delays of Office, and the necessary attendant Expence of Officers, occasioning a higher Price to the Consumer, or a less Price to the Seller of raw Hides, and this upon a Trade struggling with powerful Rivals, must in the End turn the Scale (now almost evenly balanced) against them, in Favour of the other Colonies and the Exporters of raw Hides; besides opening a Door to the Importation of Shoes and wrought Leather from *Great-Britain*, to the Ruin of the Petitioners, the Injury of the Cordwainers and the Prejudice of the Province, the Inhabitants of which would then receive their own raw Materials in an improved State, with the additional Expence, against every Principle of sound Policy;—the Petitioners would also humbly suggest to the House the Danger and Difficulty of making Alterations and laying Burthens on Trades in a new Country, where as yet the utmost Skill and Improvement cannot be attained, and more especially in a Trade which depends upon foreign Supplies, to the Procurement of which every Indulgence and Encouragement have been found necessary.—And though there are Acts of Parliament of this Nature, the Petitioners humbly observe that the Usage and Laws of old settled Countries are by no Means a proper Guide; for without attending very carefully to the local Circumstances, any Legislature, with the best Intentions, may act the Part of an unskilful Physician, who should give the same Dose of Physick to the full grown Man and tender Infant.

To these Causes the Petitioners impute the Non-Execution of the Act of Assembly of this Province passed the Seventh of *George* the First, which contains many of the Clauses in

the present Bill, but from being impolitic or impracticable has grown obsolete; Yet should the Honourable House be of Opinion, that some Regulations and Restraints are necessary, and require the Risk of losing a Part, or the Whole, of a valuable Manufactory, the Petitioners humbly conceive the proposed Bill as it now stands, to be in many respects exceptionable and improper.

First, As no Officer is appointed to inspect the Hides and exact Obedience to the Law from the Butchers, it will engage the Tanner in constant Disputes with them, and in a short Time, as the Petitioners conceive, induce the Butchers to look out for easier and less scrupulous Customers, which they will be sure to find in the Tanners from the neighbouring Provinces, or Merchants who may buy for Exportation.

Secondly, The Petitioners conceive that the Injunction in the second Clause, to work the Lime quite out, is taken from the Act of Parliament, without attending to the Difference of Climate, for in the execessive Heat of an *American* Summer many of the Hides must perish before it could be worked out.—It is also worthy of Observation, that many of the Customers prefer that Sort of Leather, at the same Price, which this Bill would totally prohibit.

Thirdly, By a Clause of the said Bill the Petitioners are obliged to keep their Leather at two Feet Distance from the Ground, where there is no Cellar, and one Foot, where there is, which they apprehend must have arisen from a total Unacquaintance with their Trade, as dry Cellars have been found, upon full Experience, to be the properest Places for this Purpose.—The Places, proposed in the said Bill, the Petitioners apprehend, would Injure the Leather by the too great Heat in Summer,—to which the Petitioners would also add, the great Loss and Hardship many of them must undergo, who have at a great Expence provided what they esteemed suitable Places for keeping their Leather, which by this Bill will not only be rendered useless, but they must erect others, and, contrary to all Principles of Legislation, would give the Law a Retrospect to their Prejudice, which they conceive the Honourable House do not intend.

Fourthly, The subjecting the Master to a heavy Fine for the Unskilfulness of a young Apprentice, or an accidental Damage to the Leather, the Petitioners conceive to be very hard, and that in this, as in all other Commodities, it would be more equitable for the Buyer and Seller to settle the Allowance for such Damage between themselves, more espe-

cially as it is the Interest and Reputation of the Tanners to guard against such Accidents, and it is the Custom of the Trade to make Abatements in such Cases.

Fifthly, The Restraint laid upon Farmers and Shopkeepers, Retailers of Leather, (under the Name of Engrossers) of Selling only at public Market, would, the Petitioners apprehend, amount to a total Prohibition, as few or none of them would sell in that Manner; and though it is of Consequence, and will in some respect affect some of the Petitioners, they think it would prove a great Grievance to the poor Shoemakers in the Country, and Farmers, who, not being supplied as formerly, must ride a great Distance to the City,—nor would they buy it cheaper, as the additional Trouble of selling in small Quantities would keep up the Price.

Sixthly, The Appointment of Officers, the Petitioners apprehend, is an Object of great Importance in this Country, and must necessarily tend to increase the Expence and Burthen upon their Trade, which can not bear it ; that it is making a Precedent for the Establishment of Officers in all other Trades, which in other Countries has been found injurious and generally inadequate to the End proposed;—that the Powers intended to be given them by this Bill are too great, they not being subject to any Controul whatever ; and the Petitioners, as Freemen, having an high Sense of their Privileges, cannot but express their Dissatisfaction at the Power intended to be given to enter into their Houses at any Hour to search for Leather, when no such Power is exercised under any of the Acts of Parliament; and even the Right of Entry into Warehouses for that Purpose, by Stat. of the 9th of *Ann*, was in Pursuance of Leather being made an Object of Revenue.

Seventhly, The half-tanned Hides have been found by Merchants and Riggers of Vessels the most proper for their Use,—yet such are prohibited by this Bill, though it is observable, they are excepted by the Acts of Parliament, from which this Bill is supposed to be drawn.

Eighthly, As the foreign Hides are of so much importance to the Tanning Business of this Country, that it could not be carried on to above half its present Extent without them, and particularly are found to be the best for Sole-Leather, the Petitioners have just Reason to apprehend that the Strictness of the Bill, in respect to imported Hides when manufactured, by subjecting them, if flawed or tainted (the latter not discoverable till in the Work) to immediate Seizure, and a summary Conviction, will, instead of imposing Vigilance and

Care on the Importers or Butchers in foreign Parts, as the Bill intends, drive them to other Markets, or open a Channel to *Europe*, the bad Effects of which must be lasting and irretrievable.

Ninthly, The Petioners humbly hope the Honourable House do not intend to give foreign Leather an Advantage over the Manufacturers of this Province, and thereby prefer Foreigners to the Inhabitants, their own Constituents, which would be the Case if the proposed Bill should pass into a Law, no Provision being therein made to subject foreign Leather to Inspection, Sealing, or any of the like Burthens or Expence.

Tenthly, Inconvenient as the Delays and Expence of Office will prove, the Petitioners would for the public Good submit without murmuring, if they did not think and hope they are able to convince the Honourable House, that interested Views, and not public Utility, gave Rise to these Complaints, and that two Effects will immediately follow,—*First*, The Loss of their whole Trade will be endangered.—*Secondly*, Much less Leather will be manufactured in the Province, and greater Quantities of both tanned and wrought Leather will be imported ;—that the Shoemakers will have the same Opportunity of buying bad imported Leather as formerly, or if they are sincere in their Desires to improve the Manufacture, the present Attempt must be ineffectual, by leaving foreign Leather free from any Inspection or Examination: Upon this Point the Petitioners would also observe, that the Interest of the Public is equally concerned in the Skill and Care of the Shoemakers, and that the Acts of Parliament upon this Head subject Shoes, Boots, *&c.* to Inspection and Search;—the Petitioners therefore humbly conceive a Regulation much more necessary in this Country, where, if the proposed Bill should pass into a Law, Shoemakers will still have an Opportunity of imposing bad Wares on their Customers, wrought from uninspected imported Leather, and from such as is to be condemned by this proposed Law, which, the Petitioners do assert and can prove, some of the Shoemakers prefer to the best manufactured Leather, as they have it at a lower Rate.

Upon the Whole, the Petitioners conceive and submit to the House, that, as imported Leather is not, and perhaps will not, be permitted to become liable to the same Restraints and Burthens, and as a Law for remedying the principal Matters complained of has been made, and is yet in full Force, though from some Defects suffered to grow obsolete, whether the proposed Bill does not come before the House under such

Objections and Difficulties as to give the Petitioners reasonable Hopes of its final Rejection, which they earnestly desire.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor in the Forenoon with the verbal Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had received an Answer from General *Gage*, respecting the Complaints of the *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Waggoners, which he would shortly lay before the House for their Consideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Wardens for the Port of *Philadelphia*, and for the better regulating Pilots, *&c.* reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Petition of *Peter Mierken*, Sugar-Refiner, being again read, it was ordered that the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpose expressed in his said Petition.

February 14, 1771.

A Member pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, " *An Act directing the Manner of assigning Dower within this Province, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Aggrievances do prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of insolvent Debtors in the Goal of this City, who have applied to the House for Enlargement.

The Governor by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House a Letter from his Excellency General *Gage*, at *New-York*, dated *October* 23, 1770, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

SIR,

I HAVE received your Letters of the 16th and 18th Instant, with a Number of Depositions, and a Remonstrance to you from the House of Assembly of *Pennsylvania*, all relative to Demands for the Payment of Carriages employed by Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins* on his March to Fort *Pitt* in 1768, with Part of his Majesty's Royal Regiment of *Ireland*.

The Papers you have transmitted shall be laid before the proper Officers for Examination, with as little Delay as

possible, and I will do all that depends on me to redress the Grievances complained of. I have the Honour to be, with great Regard, SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

To the Honourable THOMAS GAGE."
Lieutenant Governor PENN

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.* which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs,

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 15, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.* and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes, and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.* which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

A Member pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Law-Suits concerning Wills,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee of Grievances presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle *and* Jonathan Hobby, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons,*" which being read the first time was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 16, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the better securing and punishing certain Offenders therein mentioned,*" and, "*An Act for building a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek, in the County of* Philadelphia," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr *Parker* and Mr. *Chapman* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and acquaint

his Honour the House would be glad to know his Result on the Bills before him.

Upon Motion,

That the Fund provided by Law for Support of the Light-House erected by this Government at Cape *Henlopen*, is burthened with an heavy Annual Interest, which, added to the constant Expence of supplying and attending the Lights, is almost equal to the yearly Amount of the Duty of Tonnage appropriated to sink the Principal, and that this Debt on the Province cannot be discharged in any reasonable Time, unless the House should think it advisable to strike a Sum in Bills of Credit, sufficient to pay off the Monies borrowed for building the said Light-House, and stop the Interest that must otherwise accrue ; the said Motion, after some Debate thereon, was referred to further Consideration.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say the House should soon be acquainted with his Result on those which have been some Days before him.

The House then adjourned to *Monday* next at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

February 18, 1771.

Two Petitions from the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Bucks*, for imposing a Tax on all supernumerary Dogs in the said Counties, were presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Member pursuant to Leave for the Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable* Peter Miercken, *of the District of* Southwark, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for building a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek in the County of* Philadelphia," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented for that Purpose.

Mr. Secretary also brought down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Commissioners for opening and maintaining Parts of two Roads therein mentioned*," and, "*An Act for erecting Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a separate County*," with some Amendments to the same, which being read and

agreed to by the House, the said Bills were ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from divers Inhabitants near the River *Leheigh* was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 19, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising the Sum of *Fifteen Thousand Pounds* heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch*," &c. being transcribed according to Order, and read the third time, a Member presented to the Chair a Rider to the said Bill, which being twice read and agreed to by the House, the same was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Rider to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys in the City of* Philadelphia," &c. being transcribed according to Order, the same was again read and annexed to the said Bill.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and for the confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof*;" "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the Rivers* Codorus *and* Connewago *in* York *County*," and "*An Act for better securing and punishing certain Offenders therein mentioned*," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

With the said Bills the Secretary also delivered the following verbal Message from his Honour to the House, *viz.*

SIR,

'THE Governor requests that the House will inform him

whether they are possessed of any Plans or accurate Draughts of the Rivers *Delaware*, *Lehigh*, *Susquehanna* and *Juniata*, and of the Streams *Conestogo*, *Bald Eagle*, *Machanoy*, *Penns* Creek, *Swatara*, *Connedaguinet* and *Kiskemenetas*, which, by the Bills now under his Consideration, are proposed to be kept open for Navigation, and particularly whether these Streams have been explored; and that if they have any such Draughts the House will lay them before him."

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *James* wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch*," &c. for his Assent to the same, and also deliver the following verbal Message, *viz.*

THE House informs his Honour that they are possessed of no Plans or Draughts of the several Rivers and Streams mentioned in his verbal Message of this Day, except an accurate one of a Part of the River *Delaware* (which they lay before him, agreeable to his Request) and those contained in the several Maps of this Province; and that the House know not whether those Rivers and Streams have been particularly explored, having proceeded in the framing of the Bills referred to by his Honour, on the Information of their Members.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna *and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *John M'Pherson*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 20, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed Yesterday, and the verbal Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the

Chair, and the same being read the first time was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Motion of *Saturday* last, respecting the striking a Sum of Money for Repayment of the Sums borrowed for building and supporting the Province Light-House at Cape *Henlopen*, and after some Debate thereon, the Question being put, Whether a Committee shall be appointed to bring in a Bill for the Purpose above-mentioned?——the same was carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

Upon Motion,

The Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning a further Provision for the Support of the *French* Neutrals, was again read, and after some Debate thereon, it was recommended to the Provincial Commissioners to pay into the Hands of the said Overseers of the Poor the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, to be applied to the immediate Relief of the said *French* Neutrals, and to discharge the small Sum the Overseers are now in Advance for their Support.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Draught of their Petition to his Majesty, and after some Time spent therein, Objections arising to particular Paragraphs thereof, the said Draught was recommitted to the Committee that brought it in, for Alteration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 21, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the said Port*," which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, the House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the said Port*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Governor, by the Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly*

Watch, for enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

Mr. Secretary likewise delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*" with a Paper of Amendments thereto, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 22, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee to whom the Petition to his Majesty was recommitted for Amendment, reported the same with some Alterations, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

A Member pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act of vesting a certain Tract of* Four Hundred and Fifty *Acres of Land, situate in* Frederick's *Township, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Perkiomen *Copper-Mine Tract, in Trustees to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House taking into Consideration the Accounts of *Robert Whitehill* and *Robert Amor*, Witnesses attending on Behalf of *Lancaster* County, in Support of the late Charges brought against the Commissioners and Assessors of said County, after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House that all reasonable Charges and Expences sustained by Witnesses attending on that Occasion in Behalf of the said County, be paid by the said County.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the immediate raising Money heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia," which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Secretaries of the *American* Philosophical Society, held at *Philadelphia*, for promoting useful Knowledge, by Order of the said Society waited on the House and presented the following Address, *viz.*

To the Honourable the HOUSE *of REPRESENTATIVES of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN,

AS Secretaries of the *American* Philosophical Society, held at *Philadelphia*, for promoting useful Knowledge, we are appointed to present to each Member of this Honourable House a Copy of the first Volume of the printed Transactions of the said Society, as an Acknowledgement of the grateful Sense which they retain of the public Patronage and Encouragement which they have received from the Assemblies of *Pennsylvania*.

As the various Societies, which have of late Years been instituted in *Europe*, have confessedly contributed much to the more general Propagation of Knowledge and useful Arts, it is hoped that it will give Satisfaction to the Members of this Honourable House, to find that the Province, which they represent, can boast of the first Society, and the first Publication of a Volume of Transactions for the Advancement of useful Knowledge, on this Side of the *Atlantic*;—a Volume which is wholly *American*, both in Composition, Printing and Paper, and which, we flatter ourselves, may not be thought altogether unworthy of the Attention of Men of Letters in the most improved Parts of the World.

Signed by Order of the Society,

Philadelphia, February 22, 1771.

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN EWING,
ROBERT STRETTELL JONES,
DAVID RITTENHOUSE,"
} Secretaries.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the immediate raising of Money heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia," which being read through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act directing the Manner of assigning Dower within this Province, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being in Part read, and some Objections arising to the said Bill, the same was recommitted to the Member that brought it in, with Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Pearson*, for Amendment.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 23, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*" and after some Debate thereon, adjourned to *Monday*, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 25, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair the following Bills, *viz.* "*An Act for better preserving the Freedom of Assembly,* and, "*An Act to prevent certain Offices being held by Members of Assembly,*" which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock Tomorrow Morning.

February 26, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and proceeded in the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*" which being gone through, and an Answer to the said Amendments prepared at the Table, the same was ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the said Port,*" and, "*An Act for the immediate raising of Money heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and deliver the Answer of the House to his Honour's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

February 27, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed last Night, and the Answer of the House to his Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*" reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills and the Answer to his Amendments into immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna, *and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware" and after some Debate thereon, the said Bill was

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to repeal the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna, *and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware."

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread*, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable* Peter Miercken, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House then proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle and Jonathan Hobby, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House, took up the Petition of *John Gemmel*, of *Cumberland* County, which was again read, and after some Debate thereon, ordered that the same do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 28, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to repeal a Part of the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna, *and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which

they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a third Reading.

The House, upon Motion, resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from *John* and *Joseph Pawling* and *Abraham Sahler*, after some Debate thereon, referred the same to further Consideration at their next Sitting, and ordered that the Petitioners, in the mean Time, give public Notice of their Application to Assembly for the Relief prayed for in their respective Petitions.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, situated in* Fredericks *Township, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Perkiomen *Copper-Mine Tract, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners for the said Bill do give Notice in all the *English* News-Papers published in the City of *Philadelphia*, that they have obtained Leave to bring in a Bill for Sale of the said Tract of Land, and that such public Notice be continued at least Six Months from the Date of this Order.

The House resumed the Consideration of their intended Petition to his Majesty, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of their Petition to the King, which being again read, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the several Bills, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the said Port*;" "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware *and* Lehegh, *and Parts of* Neshaminey *Creek as far up as* Barnsley's *Ford and of the Stream called* Lechawaxin *as far up as the Falls thereof, common Highways, and for improving the Navigation in the said Rivers*;" and, "*An Act for the immediate raising of Money for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia," with some Amendments to each of them, which being read and agreed to by the House, the said Bills were ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 1, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of*

Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;" "*An Act to enable* Peter Miercken, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province;*" and, "*An Act to repeal a Part of the Act, entituled, An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna, *and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls in this City, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the three Bills passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Petition of *William Parr*, Esq; and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr *James*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to examine into the State of the Register Generals and Rolls Office in the City of *Philadelphia*, and report thereon to the House at their next Meeting.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 2, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle *and* Jonathan Hobby, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Sellers* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *Bucks* County for a Tax upon Dogs, and after some Time spent therein, ordered that the same be recommended to the serious Attention of the Members at their next Meeting.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

March 4, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *Joseph Cook*, of *Cumberland* County, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 5, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee to whom the Bill, entituled, "*An Act directing the Manner of assigning Dower*," &c. was recommitted for Amendment, reported the same with some Alterations, and the said Bill being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act to repeal a Part of the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna *and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware;" "*An Act for the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle *and* Jonathan Hobby, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," and, "*An Act to enable* Peter Miercken, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

Mr. Secretary likewise brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," with a Reply to the Answer of the House to his Honour's Amendments to the said Bill, which Reply being read and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

With the foregoing Mr. Secretary also delivered the Bills, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the said River and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same*," with some Amendments thereto—and, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread*," to which last the Secretary acquainted the House his Honour could not give his Assent.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House took into Consideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the said River*

and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same," and after some Debate thereon, an Answer to the said Amendments being agreed to and prepared at the Table,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *James* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and the Answer of the House to his Amendments.

The Petition to his Majesty being transcribed according to Order, was compared at the Table, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the KING'S *most excellent* MAJESTY.

The PETITION of the *REPRESENTATIVES* of the FREEMEN of the Province of PENNSYLVANIA,

Most humbly sheweth,

THAT we your Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Representatives of the Freemen of *Pennsylvania*, in General Assembly met, humbly ask Permission to offer to your Royal Wisdom our dutiful Supplications.

In our last Petition to your Majesty, we prayed Relief of a Grievance, which the good People of this Province suffered, by Duties being imposed upon them by Act of Parliament, for the sole Purpose of raising a Revenue; and though that Act has been repealed as to Part of these Taxes, yet the Duties on Tea, and other enumerated Goods, not made in *Great-Britain*, but from thence exported to those Colonies, are still retained with Intent, as we have great Reason to fear, of establishing thereby a Precedent for repeating such Taxations upon us hereafter.

Thus we lose the Possession of Part of our Property, and the Title to the Remainder becomes extremely precarious: For as we cannot, from our Situation, be in any Manner represented in Parliament, your Royal Wisdom will preceive that we can call nothing our own, which others assume a Right to take from us, without our Consent.

The Aggrievance still continuing notwithstanding the late Repeal, our Confidence in your Majesty's transcendant Goodness, induces us to hope, that through your gracious Interposition we may yet obtain Redress.——If we attempt to promote Innovations, we might deserve Censure. We only endeavour to avoid them.——We presume not to request the Grant of any new Right in our Favour, nor any Diminution of the Royal Prerogative; but only to be restored to that which we constantly till of late enjoyed,—the invaluable exclusive Privilege of demonstrating our Affection for our

Sovereign, and our Duty to his Government, as heretofore, by voluntary Gifts of our Property to him.

This Privilege repeatedly recognized by your Majesty and former Kings and Parliaments, our Ancestors transmitted inviolate to us, we possessed it without Abuse, and have lost it without Offence: For we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that none of your Subjects are or can be more affectionately and firmly attached to your Majesty's Person, Family, and Government, than your faithful People, the Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania.*

Most gracious Sovereign,

Fully confiding, that your Majesty will always make the Preservation of the constitutional Rights of your Subjects a principal Object of your Attention, and that your Royal Disposition delights in the Freedom and Happiness of your People, We most humbly and earnestly implore your Majesty, by your Royal Authority, Influence, and Recommendation, to procure us Relief from the Grievance now most respectfully represented.

Signed by Order of the House,

Philadelphia, March 5, 1771. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That the Committee of Correspondence do immediately transmit the foregoing Petition to *Benjamin Franklin,* Esq; Agent for the Province in *London,* to be presented to his Majesty.

The Members sent up to the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways,*" &c. and the Answer of the House to his Amendments to the said Bill, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Answer into Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 6, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and took into Consideration the Address from Messieurs *Bonin* and *Morris,* Proprietors of the China Manufactory lately set on Foot in the District of *Southwark,* and, after some Time spent therein, ordered that the said Address do lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Elizabeth Corse,* Widow, of the City of *Philadelphia,* was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House taking into Consideration the Petition of *Samuel Penrose*, Tenant on the *Province-Island*, referred over by the late Assembly,

Ordered, That the Trustees of the said Island do make such Buildings and Repairs as to them shall appear necessary to accommodate the said Tenant, out of the Monies arising from the last Eleven Months Rent in his Hands, provided the Expence of such Buildings and Repairs shall not exceed the Sum of £ 367 11 8, and that the said Trustees take the Obligation of the Tenant for the Interest arising on the Monies so laid out, (except such Sums as shall be expended in repairing the Dwelling-house) payable yearly during his Lease.

The Trustees laid before the House, agreeable to the Order of the late Assembly, the Lease, entered into by the said *Penrose*, duly executed, which was read by Order, and approved.

The House then taking into Consideration the Delinquency of *James Lindsay*, Collector of Excise for the County of *Cumberland*, recommended over by the late Assembly to the Notice of this House,

Ordered, That the Provincial Treasurer do put in Suit the Bond given by the said Collector and his Sureties for the faithful Performance of his Duty, unless he should settle his Account and discharge the Balance due to the Province before the next Meeting of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do furnish the Provincial Treasurer with a Copy of this Order.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 7, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* do wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the several Bills agreed on during the present Sitting being engrossed, the House request he will be pleased to appoint some Members of Council to assist in comparing the same with their Originals this Afternoon, as they are desirous of adjourning this Week, if they can be acquainted with his Honour's Result on the Bill at present before him.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* join with the Members of Council in collating the several Bills already engrossed.

The Members return and report they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would appoint some Members of Council to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills this Afternoon,

and that the House should be acquainted with his Result on the Bill now under his Consideration.

Upon Motion.

The House taking into Consideration the Delinquency of *James Gibbons*, Treasurer for *Chester* County, and *Michael Swoope*, Treasurer for the County of *York*, in paying the Arrears due from the said Counties on the Provincial Tax,

Ordered, That the Provincial Treasurer do proceed against the said *James Gibbons* and *Michael Swoope* agreeable to Law, unless they shall pay the said Arrears from them respectively due before the next Meeting of Assembly.

The House also taking into Consideration the Neglect of the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Cumberland* in not enforcing the Payment of the Arrears of the Provincial Tax into the Hands of the Treasurer for the said County,

Resolved, That unless the said Commissioners and Assessors shall before the Sitting of the House in *September* next fully discharge their Duty in compelling Payment of the Arrears of the said Tax, this House will take such Measures as shall be effectual for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the Clerk do deliver a Copy of the two foregoing Orders to the Provincial Treasurer.

Ordered, That the Treasurers for *Lancaster* County make Report of the Names of the several Commissioners, Assessors, and Clerks, ordered to refund public Monies by them received or detained, distinguishing those who have and have not paid the Balance adjusted by the late Assembly, with the Sums by them respectively paid.

Ordered, That the Provincial Treasurer do take the proper Measures to recover the Balance due to the Province from *Jonas Seely*, of *Berks* County.

Ordered, That the Clerk do furnish the Provincial Treasurer with Copies of the two foregoing Orders.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 8, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to join with the Gentlemen of the Council in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the same according to Order, and found them to agree.

The Governor, by the Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navi-*

gation of the said River and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same," with a Reply to the Answer of the House to his Amendments to the said Bill, which Reply being read by Order, and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Members of Assembly having viewed the Orrery constructed by Mr. *David Rittenhouse*, a Native of this Province, and being of Opinion that it greatly exceeds all others hitherto invented in demonstrating the true Situations of the celestial Bodies, their Magnitudes, Motions, Distances, Periods, Eclipses and Order upon the Principles of the *Newtonian* System,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds* be given to Mr. *David Rittenhouse*, as a Testimony of the high Sense which this House entertain of his Mathematical Genius and Mechanical Abilities in constructing the said Orrery.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Evans*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to agree with and purchase from Mr. *Rittenhouse* a new Orrery for the Use of the Public, at any Sum not exceeding *Four Hundred Pounds* lawful Money of this Province.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House being informed that some Person or Persons unknown did, in the Night of the Seventh Instant, break into the Assembly Room in the State-House of this City, and from thence feloniously take and carry away the Hospital Charity-Box with a Sum of Money therein,

Ordered, That the Clerk do issue an Advertisement, offering a Reward of *Ten Pounds* to any Person who shall apprehend the said Felon or Felons, to be paid upon his or their being legally convicted.

Resolved, That this House will at their next Sitting take into Consideration the insecure Condition of the State-House, with the Offices adjoining, and the public Property therein.

The Committee of Accounts to whom was referred for Examination the Account of Messieurs *Franklin* and *Hall*, for Printing-Work done for the General Loan-Office from the Year 1750 to 1764, and lately paid by *Mary Norris*, Administratrix to the Estate of *Charles Norris*, deceased, late acting Trustee of the said Office, reported that the said Account of *Six Pounds Seventeen Shillings* is a just Debt against the Prov-

ince, and that they are of Opinion Mrs. *Norris* ought to be repaid the same.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, and signed by the Speaker, the same was delivered by the Clerk to Mrs. *Norris*.

The House ajourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 9, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the said River and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same*," being engrossed according to Order,

Ordered, That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the House having gone through the principal Business of the Sitting, incline to adjourn to *Monday*, the Sixteenth of *September* next, if his Honour hath no Objection thereto, and as the *Susquehanna* Bill is agreed to by them, and engrossed, they request the Governor will appoint a Member of Council to assist in comparing the same with its Original, and inform the House at what Hour To-day they shall attend him to enact into Laws the several Bills that have been returned with his Assent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* join with the Member of Council in comparing the said Bill.

The Members return and report they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Objection to the Adjournment proposed by the House, and would be at the Council-Chamber between Twelve and One o'clock this Day, to enact into Laws the several Bills that have been agreed on.

The House then taking into Consideration the Governor's Support for the current Year,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds*, be, and the same is hereby given and allowed to the Honourable *John Penn*, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, towards his Support of the current Year.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being prepared at the Table, and signed by the Speaker, was ordered to be presented to his Honour when the House shall attend him in the Council-Chamber.

The Members appointed to assist in collating the engrossed Bill, reported they had done the same according to Order, and found them to agree.

Ordered, That the said Members, do see the Great Seal affixed to the Bills to be passed into Laws, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

A Message *by Mr. Secretary.*

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House to enact into Laws the Bills to which he has given his Assent."

Mr. Speaker then with the whole House, waited on his Honour, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that they had waited on the Governor and presented Twenty Bills, respectively entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill;" "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Chester *and* Lancaster *into a separate County*;" "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories*; "*An Act to prevent the Destruction of Rock-Fish and Oysters*;" "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and for confirming a new Road laid out instead thereof*;" "*An Act for erecting a Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a separate County*;" "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the said River and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same*;" "*An Act for building a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek, in the County of* Philadelphia;" "*An Act for appointing Commissioners for opening and maintaining Parts of two Roads therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the Rivers* Codorus *and* Connewago, *in* York *County*;" "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware *and* Leheigh, *and Parts of* Neshaminey *Creek, as far up as* Barnsley's *Ford, and of the Stream called* Lechawaxin, *as far up as the Falls thereof, common Highways, and improving the Navigation in the said Rivers*;" "*An Act for the better securing and punishing certain Offenders therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*;" "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys in the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and*

Bay of Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the said Port;*" "*An Act to repeal a Part of the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna *and the* Leheigh *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware;" "*An Act for the immediate raising of Money heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia;" "*An Act to enable* Peter Mierken, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province;*" and "*An Act for the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle and Jonathan Hobby, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons;*"—to which several Bills the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.—The Speaker further reported that he had then in the Name and on Behalf of the House presented to his Honour their Certificate for *Six Hundred Pounds*, for which he was pleased to say he was obliged to the House.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Provincial Treasurer do procure a substantial Iron Chest for the Use of the Province, and exhibit an Account thereof to the House at their next Meeting.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the Sixteenth of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

September 16, 1771.

MR. Speaker, with Eighteen Members, met pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

September 17, 1771.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration that the Honourable *John Penn*, Esq; late Governor of this Province, has been gone some Months for *England*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Honourable *James Hamilton*, Esq; President, and acquaint him that the House being met, pursuant to their Adjournment, are ready to receive any Business which he and the Council may think proper to lay before them.

The Members, appointed at the Close of the last Sitting of Assembly to see the Great Seal affixed to certain Laws then passed, and to deposite the said Laws in the Rolls Office, reported the same had been done according to Order.

Sundry Petitions from *Walter Shee, Benjamin Davis, Joseph Saunders, William Crispin, Andrew Bankson, Enoch Story,*

James Stevenson and *Peter Robeson*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed the Officer for collecting the Duty of Excise upon spirituous Liquors retailed in the City and County of *Philadelphia*.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Petitions from *John Reynolds* and *Charles Hicks*, Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Thomas Pryor*, Junior, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that since his being appointed to inspect the Flour exported from the said City, he presumes he has conducted in the Execution of that Office with such Diligence and Fidelity as to give general Satisfaction; and has the Pleasure to be informed by the most considerable Merchants and Traders in that Article of Commerce in the City aforesaid, that its Reputation at the foreign Markets is superior to the Flour manufactured in any of the neighbouring Colonies;— that the Petitioner therefore prays the Honourable House, he may be continued to execute the Law by which he was appointed, until the Term of its Expiration.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *William Mitchell*, of the County of *Lancaster*, concerning *Isaac Sanders*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the said County, was presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to receive, examine and report the several Accounts of incidental Expences for the past Year.

An Account from *Judah Foulke*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, for sundry Expences in apprehending and bringing three Felons to the Gaol of said County, was presented to the House, read, and referred to the Committee for incidental Expenses.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 18, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the President and Council with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that the President

was pleased to say he believed the Council would have some Business to lay before the House by a Message this Morning.

Mr. Secretary, by Order of the President and Council, brought down a written Message to the House, with the Depositions of *Asher Clayton* and *Joseph Morris* therein referred to, which were read by Order, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

A MESSAGE *from the President and Council to the Assembly.*

GENTLEMEN,

AS by the Laws of this Province the Administration of the Government, upon the Departure of our late Governor, devolved upon us, we cannot, consistent with our Duty, omit to lay before you a Matter, which appears to us of a very serious Nature, and nearly to concern the Peace and good Order of the Province.

The Making of the present Riot-Act, and the unhappy Occasion of it, and the Publication of large Rewards for apprehending and bringing to Justice those daring Offenders, *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices, must be fresh in your Memories.—These Steps taken by the Government and Legislature, calculated to discourage and suppress the turbulent Spirit of these Intruders, and others of the same perverse Disposition, it was hoped would have had the desired Effect. Yet we are sorry to inform you, that the very Persons, for whose Apprehension the Rewards were published, have lately with a Number of Adherents, in open Contempt of the Powers of the Government, again appeared in Arms at *Wyoming;* and, after seizing upon all their Effects, forced our Settlers there (to whom the Proprietaries had sold the Lands) to retire into a Block-house, which they besieged in a regular hostile Manner, keeping up an almost continual Fire from Intrenchments, for the Space of Sixteen or Seventeen Days. At length our People, reduced to the last Extremity, for Want of Provisions, were obliged to surrender upon Terms of Capitulation. Since which it is reported that the Intruders have burnt the Block-house, and are fortifying themselves at a more convenient Place in the Neighbourhood; and that they have Intentions of seizing on Fort *Augusta*, and the Provincial Cannon, and other warlike Stores there.

We must inform you, Gentlemen, that upon the first Intimation of these last Violences, the Government took every Step in their Power, at a very great Expence, to raise a sufficient

Posse to enforce the Execution of the Riot-Act against the Intruders, and to apprehend the Offenders; and that several of the Magistrates of *Northampton* County were on their Way to *Wyoming* with a Posse, when they received Intelligence of the Surrender of the Block-house: And upon being well apprized of the Insufficiency of that Force, and that it would require a much greater one to apprehend and bring the Rioters to Justice, we ordered the Posse to be discharged, and determined to lay the Case before you at your present Meeting.

Your own Understandings, Gentlemen, will point out to you the fatal Consequences of suffering these lawless People to remain long in the Possessions they have thus obtained as it were by open War.—They will probably soon become more formidable by associating to themselves Numbers of profligate People from this and the other Provinces; of Course they may extend their Possessions by Force as far as they please, take upon themselves in a little Time to give Laws to Government itself, and in the End bring on us all the Evils which have lately been experienced by a neighbouring Colony to the Southward.

When you come, Gentlemen, seriously to consider these important Matters, and that the applying a Remedy to the Evil would, at a future Time, call for a more considerable Force, and a much heavier Expence than at present, we cannot doubt but you will readily give us all the Assistance in your Power speedily to suppress these Disorders, and bring to condign Punishment at a Set of People, who have, in the most daring Manner, set the Government and its Laws at Defiance.

The Secretary will lay before you two Depositions which prove the Facts above-stated.

September 18, 1771. JAMES HAMILTON, *President.*"

The DEPOSITION *of Colonel* ASHER CLAYTON.

PHILADELPHIA, *to wit*,

ASHER Clayton, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Gentleman, being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty GOD, deposeth and saith, That on the Sixth Day of *July* last, being at *Wyoming*, in the County of *Northampton*, in this Province, improving his Farm there, he received Information, that a Number of armed Men, commanded by *Lazarus Stewart*, and *Zebulon Butler*, commonly called Captain *Butler*, were approaching that Place, in order, as they gave out, to dispossess the People who had settled there under the Proprietaries of

this Province, and seize on their Lands, upon Pretence of Claim from the Colony of *Connecticut*; and thereupon he and the other Inhabitants, with their Families, making in all Eighty-two, Men, Women and Children, retired into a Block-house for their Security and Protection, taking with them the Principal Part of their Effects; and this Deponent sent out two Men to gain Intelligence; that about One o'Clock next Morning one of them returned and reported, that his Companion, *James Bertrong*, was taken Prisoner by a Party of Men at *Lachnawanach;* and about Eleven o'Clock the same Day, *Bertrong* returned and informed of his having been made Prisoner the preceding Night by a Party of fifty or sixty Men, under the Command of *Stewart* and *Butler*, who told him they were come by Authority of the Government of *Connecticut*, to take Possession of that Country, and were determined to do it, or perish in the Attempt; and that while he was with them they took Possession of a House at the Mouth of *Mill-Creek*, and a Mill on the said Creek; and *Bertrong* further informed, that by persuading them he had no Concern in the Lands, he obtained his Liberty, and was charged with a Message from *Butler* to this Deponent, desiring a Conference at any Place he would appoint; that this Deponent, in Consequence of an Appointment made, met *Butler* the next Day, at about Half a Mile's Distance from the Block-house, in the Presence of *Ezekiel Pierce*, who accompanied *Butler*, and *David Mead*, who went with the Deponent; that *Butler* told the Deponent, that all the Lands there belonged to the Colony of *Connecticut*; that they came under the Authority and Protection of that Government to take Possession of them, and were determined to obtain and keep Possession at the Risk of their Lives; and pointing to about Thirty of his Party, who were advanced within a small Distance, said, he wished the Right could be determined by their Engagement with an equal Number;—to all which the Deponent answered, that he should not dispute with him about the Right to the Lands, at it was a Matter neither of them could determine, but that the Inhabitants having settled there under the Proprietaries of this Province, he and they would endeavour to maintain their Possession, until they could have Orders from the Governor; and the Deponent proposed to *Butler*, that he should draw off his Party to the opposite Side of the River, and that neither Party should molest the other, until he should receive Orders or Advice from the Governor; but this was rejected, and they parted without agreeing to any

Terms; that from this Time, he with the rest of the Inhabitants in the Block-house, kept on their Guard to prevent a Surprize, and laid in what Provisions they could, apprehending that *Butler* and his Party would endeavor to put their Threats in Execution; that on the Twenty-seventh Day of *July*, at about Twelve o'Clock at Night, the Block-house was surrounded by the *Connecticut* Party under *Stewart* and *Butler*, who from that Time kept the Block-house invested, and secured themselves by Intrenchments; that the same Night they called to the Deponent, and told him he had Time enough to go off, and swore if he did not surrender up the Block-house by Eight o'Clock the next Day, they would blow him and the People with him to Hell; that the next Day some of them appeared near the Block-house, and endeavoured by various Threats and Persuasions to induce the Inhabitants to desert it; that they seized on the Horses, Cattle and such other Effects of the Inhabitants as they could get into their Hands; that on the Twenty-ninth a Number of them drew nigh to the Block-house with their Fire-Arms in their Hands, and the Deponent suspecting they intended to surprize it, gave them Notice that he was determined to maintain his Possession, and forbad their approaching nigher; that on the Thirtieth, a little after Day-break, the Deponent was alarmed with the Firing of Guns, and expecting an Attack, the Inhabitants prepared to defend themselves, and fired from the Block-house towards the Quarter from which they expected it, but it soon appeared to be an Engagement between the *Connecticut* Party and a Party of Men coming with Provisions and Necessaries to the Relief of the Block-house, Twenty-two of whom got into the Block-house, the rest being repelled; that a few Minutes after, the *Connecticut* Party began to fire at the Block-house with Ball; which was continued, with little Intermission, Night and Day until *Sunday*, the Tenth of *August*, the People in the Block-house in their Defence returning the Fire; that on the Eleventh *Stewart* and *Butler* sent a Man with a Flag to summon the People in the Block-house to surrender, which being refused, he withdrew, and soon after they began to fire at the Block-house with small Arms, and from a wooden Cannon, which burst at the second Discharge; that the firing continued on both Sides until the Fifteenth, when the People in the Block-house having suffered greatly for Want of Provisions, which were entirely consumed, and seeing no Prospect of Relief, sent out a Man with a Flag to *Stewart* and *Butler*, and, after several Messages, having obtained the

best Terms they could, a Capitulation was signed by *Stewart*, *Butler*, and one *John Smith*; pursuant to which the Deponent left the Block-house, and the *Connecticut* Party took Possession of it;—that during the Siege *Isaac Dalston* was wounded and *William Ridgyard* killed in the Block-house by Shot from the *Connecticut* Party, and the Deponent hath heard, and believes that several of that Party were killed and wounded by Shot from the Block-house.—And further the Deponent saith not.— ASHER CLAYTON."

Sworn the 22d Day of *August*, *Anno Domini* 1771, before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, and Notary Tabellion Public duly appointed and sworn for the Province of *Pennsylvania*.

Quodque Manu ac Sigillo notariali attestor,

Locus Sigilli JAMES BIDDLE, *Just. & Noty.*

The DEPOSITION *of* JOSEPH MORRIS.

PHILADLEPHIA County, to wit,

JOSEPH Morris, of *Morris* County, in the Province of *East New-Jersey*, Gentleman, being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty GOD, deposeth and saith, That the said Deponent being possessed of Lands near *Wyoming* upon *Susquehanna*, in *Northampton* County, in this Province of *Pennsylvania*, which he held under the Honourable the Proprietaries of this Province, and understanding that a Number of People had assembled at *Wyoming*, and were endeavouring forcibly to dispossess the People settled there of their Lands, pretending to claim them by Authority from the Colony of *Connecticut*, he joined a Party of Thirty-two Men going with Necessaries and Provisions for the Relief of the Settlers at *Wyoming*, by Orders from this Government, on the Twenty-sixth Day of *July* last, and on the Thirtieth about Day-break being advanced within about two hundred Yards of a Block-house, wherein the Inhabitants had sheltered themselves, and and were invested by the *Connecticut* Party, a Man, posted as a Centinel, presented his Firelock, and challenged the People with the Deponent, calling out, who goes there?—that they answered they were Friends; that the Centinel bid them stop, and threatened to fire if they advanced, upon which *John Dick*, one of the Party with the Deponent, told him they were going peaceably to the Block-house, and did not intend to hurt any one, and desired him not to fire, but the Centinel persisted in declaring his Resolution to fire, and then *Dick* raising up his Gun, bid him fire at his Peril; that the Centinel then stepped

a little aside, and a Number of Men, about Eighteen or Twenty, who lay concealed at a small Distance to the right Hand, starting up suddenly fired upon the Deponent and the Party with him, who presently after receiving another Fire from the Left and from the Centinel; that finding themselves attacked in this hostile Manner, they found it necessary to defend themselves, and being provided with Arms, returned the Fire on their Assailants, and hastening to the Block-house under a constant Fire from several Parties of the *Connecticut* People, Twenty-one of them got in, the rest being driven back, with the Loss of four Horses with their Loading, having had one of their Men, named *Gilbert Ogden*, dangerously wounded by a Shot from the Block-house, as this Deponent believes, and two others slightly hurt; that the Deponent and his Party continued in the Block-house with *Asher Clayton* and the Inhabitants until the Fifteenth of *August* instant, during all which Time, except on *Sunday* the Twelfth, the Party surrounding the Fort, who had entrenched themselves, and were commanded by *Lazarus Stewart* and *Zebulon Butler*, kept a constant Firing with Ball at the Block-house, by which *Isaac Dalston* was wounded, and *William Ridgyard* killed; and also fired with Ball from a wooden Cannon, which burst at the second Discharge; that the Fire was returned by the People in the Block-house in their own Defence; but on the said Fifteenth of *August*, being reduced to great Straits for Want of Provisions, which for many Days before had been dealt out very sparingly, and was by that Time wholly consumed, they were obliged to send out a Man with a Flag to treat upon Terms, and, after several Messages, were constrained to surrender on the Conditions mentioned in the Capitulation granted to them by *Butler*, *Stewart*, and one *John Smith*, a Copy whereof is hereto annexed, which the Deponent believes to be a true and exact Copy, as he himself transcribed the Original, and has compared this with a Copy of it made for him by *John Dick*, who has it in his Possession; and further the Deponent saith not.—

JOSEPH MORRIS."

Sworn the 22d Day of *August*, *Anno Domini* 1771, before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, and Notary and Tabellion Public duly appointed and sworn for the Province of *Pennsylvania*.

Quodque Manu ac Sigillo notariali attestor,

Locus Sigilli JAMES BIDDLE, *Just.* & *Noty.*

"*Articles of Capitulation, agreed upon the Fifteenth Day of* August, 1771, *betwixt Colonel* Asher Clayton, Joseph Morris *and* John Dick, *Commandants of the Block-house, in Behalf of the Honourable the Proprietaries of* Pennsylvania, *and the Subscribers, on Behalf of the Colony of* Connecticut, *on Surrender of the Fort to the latter.*

"*First*, That Twenty-three Men shall go out armed, the Remainder unarmed, and to go from hence to their respective Habitations unmolested by the opposite Party.

"*Secondly*, That the Men, who have Families, are to have Liberty to stay on the Land two Weeks, and to take off their Effects, which they are to do unmolested.

"*Thirdly*, That the Sick and Wounded are to have Liberty to stay and keep such Persons as they think proper for Nurses and to send for a Doctor.

"The above Articles we the Subscribers do bind ourselves by the Honour and Faith of Gentlemen to abide by and perform. Witness our Hands,

Testes,	Zebulon Butler,
Alexander Patterson,	Lazarus Stewart,
Ezekiel Pierce.	John Smith."

"The above is the Copy of the Capitulation referred to in the foregoing Affidavit.

James Biddle, *Just & Noty.*

With the foregoing Papers the Secretary also brought down and delivered at the Table a Letter from the Earl of *Hillsborough*, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, dated *Whitehall, July* 3, 1771, with two Instruments under the Privy Seal, signifying his Majesty's Disallowance of two several Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, and a Report from a Committee of the Lords of Trade on certain other Laws of the said Province, which were read by Order, and the said Letter and Report are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

"SIR, *Whitehall, July* 3, 1771.

"Inclosed I send you, by the King's Command, an Order of his Majesty in Council on the Twenty-fourth of *May* last, upon the Consideration of several Laws passed in *Pennsylvania* in *September* 1769, and in *February, May* and *September*, 1770.—I likewise transmit to you, in order to its being published in the proper Manner, an Instrument which has passed under the Privy Seal, signifying his Majesty's Adjudication and Declaration of one of the said Acts to be void; and also another like Instrument, that passed the Privy Seal in *June*,

1766, for declaring void a Law of *Pennsylvania*, enacted in *September* 1764, which Instrument I found, upon Enquiry, had been neglected to be taken out at the Time it passed. I have the Honour to be, SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

HILLSBOROUGH."

To the Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania.

At the COURT *at* ST. JAME'S, *the 24th Day of* May, 1771.

PRESENT,

The KING'S MOST EXCELLENT *MAJESTY.*

LORD PRESIDENT,	EARL of BRISTOL,
DUKE of QUEENSBERRY,	EARL of POMFRET,
LORD STEWARD,	VISCOUNT FALMOUTH,
EARL of DENBIGH,	LORD GEANTHAM.
EARL of ROCHFORD,	

WHEREAS there was this Day read at the Board a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs, upon considering Twenty Acts passed in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in *September*, 1769, and in *February*, *May* and *September*, 1770, which Report is dated the 23d Instant, and is in the Words following, *that is to say,*

"YOUR Majesty having been pleased by your Order in Council of the 11th of *February* last, to refer to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations Twenty Acts passed in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in *September*, 1769, and in *February*, *May* and *September*, 1770, with Directions to them to make their Report thereupon to this Committee, which Acts are entituled as follows, *viz.*

No. 1. "*An Act to enable the Owners of Meadow Lands on both Sides of* Gunner's *Creek, to construct, maintain and keep up a Dam and Sluices, and to raise a Fund to defray the Expence thereof.*"—Passed the Twenty-fourth of *February*, 1770.

No. 2. "*An Act for repairing the Highway between* Frankford *Bridge, and the Bridge over* Frankford *Mill-Race.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 3. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for taking Lands in Execution for the Payment of Debts, and for confirming Partitions in several Instances heretofore made.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 4. "*An Act for the better Confirmation of the Estates of Persons holding or claiming under* Feme Coverts, *and for establishing a Mode by which Husband and Wife may hereafter convey their Estates.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 5. "*A Supplement to the Act, entitled, "An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Marsh and Meadow Land therein described, situate in the County of* Chester, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raise a Fund to defray the Expense thereof.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 6. "*An Act for the Sale of Goods destrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Persons distraining the same for the better Security of Rents, and to prevent Frauds and Abuses committed by Tenants.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 7. "*An Act for appointing Commissioners to meet with Commissioners, who are or may be appointed by the Legislatures of the neighbouring Colonies to form and agree upon a general Plan for the Regulation of the* Indian *Trade.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 8. "*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged and infirm Masters of Ships, their Widows and Children.*—Passed ditto.

No. 9. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Bailing Prisoners and about Imprisonment.*—Passed ditto.

No. 10. "*An Act for the Relief of the languishing Prisoners in the Gaols of the several Counties within this Province, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 11. "*An Act for punishing wicked and evil-disposed Persons going armed in Disguise, and doing Injuries and Violence to the Persons of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province, and for the more speedy bringing the Offenders to Justice.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 12. "*An Act for the Relief of* John Relfe *and* Abraham Howell, *Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*"—Passed the 30th of *September*, 1769.

No. 13. "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 14. "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to enable the Commissioners herein after named, to settle the Accounts of the Managers, and to sue for and recover from several Persons such Sums of Money as are now due and unpaid on Account of the Lottery set up and drawn for erecting*

a House of Worship at the Town of Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *for the Use of the first* Presbyterian *Congregation, under the Pastoral Care of* John Steel."—Passed ditto.

No. 15. "*An Act for the Relief of* John Galbreath, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Chester, *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 16. "*An Act for the further Continuance of the Act, entituled, "An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the said Port.*"—Passed the Sixteenth of *May*, 1770.

No. 17. "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act for the opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province.*"—Passed the Twenty-ninth of *September*, 1770.

No. 18. "*An Act for regulating Waggoners, Carters, Draymen and Porters within the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 19. "*An Act for the Regulation of Apprentices within this Province.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 20. "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts.*"—Passed ditto.

"The said Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, pursuant to your Majesty's afore-mentioned Order in Council, have made the following Report to this Committee.

"That these Acts having in general been enacted for Purposes of domestic Oeconomy and Convenience, we have no Observations to submit to your Lordships Consideration thereupon; neither has any Objection in Point of Law been reported to us by *Richard Jackson*, Esq; one of his Majesty's Counsel, to whom we have referred these Acts, except in the four following Cases,

"The first and second of these respect two Acts passed in the said Province of *Pennsylvania*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine, entituled.

First, "*An Act for the Relief of* John Relfe *and* Abraham Howell, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*"

Second, "*An Act for the Relief of* John Galbreath, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Chester, *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.*"

"Upon these two Acts Mr. *Jackson* observes, that, besides the general Objection, to which they are liable, as private Acts of Insolvency, he conceives them to be faulty, inasmuch as

they contain no Clause excepting Debts due to the Crown, nor any Clause in Favour of Landlords, as to Goods subject to Distress, nor a Clause in Favour of distant or absent Creditors; every one of which Clauses, he thinks should make Part of an insolvent Act:—On the other Hand he observes, that it is probable the Object of one of these Acts, being confined in a Country Gaol, is not indebted in any mercantile Debt;—that *Relfe*, the Bankrupt, one of the Objects of the other, appears to be entitled in Justice to his personal Liberty, having complied with the Laws of Bankruptcy in this Kingdom, and that these Clauses having frequently, as he observes, been inserted in former Laws of this Province, it may be presumed they would have had their Place here, had there not been some Proof given that there was no Occasion for them; which is the more probable, as there has been no Objection made to the Acts though they passed above eighteen Months ago; nor does there appear to have been any Opposition to them in *America*.

"The next Case wherein Mr. *Jackson* has stated any Objection to the Acts under Consideration, refers likewise to an Insolvent Act passed in the said Province, in the Year 1769, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the languishing Prisoners in the Gaols of the several Counties within this Province, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*"—Upon this Act Mr. *Jackson* observes, that it is defective in the Particulars mentioned in the Observations above stated; but that these Defects are in a Degree obviated by the Trustees being required to act under the Directions of the Court; nevertheless he observes, that he should humbly submit his Opinion for the Repeal of this Act, thinking as he does these Provisions necessary in such Laws, unless it should be deemed sufficient for this Year to rely on the Controul given to the Court; intimating however in such Manner, as shall seem fitting, what should be the Contents of future Laws of this Kind.

"The fourth and last Case refers to an Act passed in the said Province in the Year 1770, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Person distraining for the same, for the better Security of Rents, and to prevent Frauds and Abuses committed by Tenants.*"—Upon this Act Mr. *Jackson* observes, that the greater Part thereof is almost necessary in a Country where Lands and Houses are frequently occupied by Tenants, and so much of this Act has therefore long since been made Part

of the Law of *England* by Act of Parliament; but that there is besides a Clause in this Act impowering two Justices to deliver Possession of the demised Premises, in Case of a Tenant's holding over, that goes beyond any Provision in our Law; that there is in this Act a Direction for impannelling a Jury to try the Fact of Demise; but as it is possible the Title may sometimes be in Question (as for Instance where the original Lessor being dead, his Will or the Construction of it is disputed) he thinks it by no Means proper such a Question (perhaps a Point of Law) should be decided by two Justices, as it must sometimes be, as the Act now stands; that therefore he wishes that an Amendment of this Law may be made by a further Act of Assembly, enabling the Tenant to alledge that the Title is disputed, at the same Time naming the Person, who he alledges disputes the Title, and in Case such Person shall on Summons enter into Recognizance to prosecute his Claim, within a limited Time, the Justices to stay their Proceedings, but in Default of such Prosecution, or of the Tenant's appearing, Judgement to be by Default.

"Having thus stated these Observations and Objections in the Cases above enumerated, as reported to us by Mr. *Jackson*, we shall submit it to your Lordships Consideration, to give such Advice to his Majesty thereupon as to your Lordships Wisdom shall seem fit:—But, before we close this Report, we think it our Duty on this Occasion to observe to your Lordships, that the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania* having in the Laws of that Colony for some Time past been usually stiled, "*true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *and of the Counties of* New-Castle, Kent *and* Sussex *on* Delaware," is highly improper and unwarrantable, this Board in *July* last did accordingly represent the Impropriety of this Innovation to the said Proprietaries, requiring it to be discontinued, in Consequence of which Intimation *Henry Wilmot*, Esq; Agent and Attorney to the said Proprietaries who has attended us on the Subject of the above Laws, has informed us, that the said Proprietaries did accordingly give Instructions thereupon, and that the Deputy Governor in Answer thereunto, by Letter dated the 6th of *March* last, writes to the following Effect, *viz.* "That the Assembly being then upon the Point of breaking up, the Laws passed that Session must be in the usual Form; but that at the next Meeting he shall take Care to change it."—"The Lords of the Committee upon Consideration thereof do agree humbly to

report to your Majesty, as their Opinion, that which respect to the aforesaid Act, No. 6. entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rents, and to secure such Goods to the Persons distraining the same for the better Security of Rents, and to prevent Frauds and Abuses committed by Tenants,*" it may be adviseable for your Majesty to adjudge and declare, under your Privy Seal, the said Act to be void; and as to all the rest of the said Acts, that it may be adviseable for your Majesty to permit and allow them to continue in Force according to their own Limitation."

"His Majesty, taking the said Report into Consideration, is pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to approve thereof, and having adjudged and declared void the aforementioned Act, No. 6. his Majesty hath thought proper to direct the Lord Privy Seal to prepare and pass under the Privy Seal a proper Instrument, signifying such his Majesty's Adjudication and Declaration of the said Act to be void; and as to all the rest of the said Acts, his Majesty is hereby pleased to permit and allow them to continue in Force according to their own Limitation.—And the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*, their Lieutenant or Deputy Governor, and the Assembly of the said Province, and likewise all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 19, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Commitee appointed by Law to attend the striking the Sum of *Fifteen Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, reported they had seen the said Bills of Credit printed, and the same being signed and numbered, were delivered to the Provincial Treasurer, according to Law; and the said Committee produced at the Table eleven overplus Sheets of the same Bills unsigned, each containing the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, which being examined, were burnt in Presence of the Members.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Shearman's* Valley, in the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have heretofore enjoyed considerable Advantages not only from the Fishery in the principal Stream and different Branches of *Shearman's* Creek, which runs through the said Valley, and empties itself into the River *Susquehanna*, but also by transporting their Produce down the said Creek into the

River aforesaid, which Benefit is likely to become much more general, as well on Account of the great Increase and Industry of the Inhabitants, as the Encouragement given by the Legislature for clearing the River *Susquehanna*;—that the Petitioners for some Time past have been in a great Measure deprived of those Advantages by a certain *James Patton* having erected a Saw-Mill Dam across the said Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to the Obstruction of the Fish running up, and the Navigation of the same, which Mill-Dam is now swept away by the Floods;—the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House, that by an Act of Assembly the said Creek, may be declared a public Highway, and (as it is not the Desire of the Petitioners to prevent the said *James Patton* from rebuilding his said Mill-Dam) that he may be obliged to construct it in such a Manner, by putting Floodgates of at least Twenty Feet wide, so as to render the same passable for Rafts of Boards, Logs, Boats, or Canoes, and Fish running up the said Creek.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Christian Wertz*, late Treasurer for the County Tax in *Lancaster* County, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner in the Year 1770, while Treasurer for the County Tax aforesaid, received from the Clerk of Assembly an Order of the House for demanding and receiving from the Commissioners and Assessors, and their Clerks, of the County of *Lancaster*, the several Sums of Money due from each of them to the said County, as stated by the Committee of the House; and at the same Time received a List of the Names of the said Commissioners, Assessors and Clerks, with the Sums due from each of them;—that the Petitioner on Receipt thereof, in Obedience to the Order of the House, rode to different Parts of the County, to notify such Commissioners, Assessors and Clerks of the said Order, and to make Demand of the Monies due;—that in this Service the Petitioner was from Home about two or between two and three Weeks at different Times, and was at great Expence;—that having applied to the present Commissioners of the said County for Satisfaction for his said Trouble and Expences, he hath been refused; the Petitioner therefore prays the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and make him a reasonable Allowance for his Trouble and Expences aforesaid, and direct the Payment thereof. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to inspect the Minutes of the present House, and report such Matters from thence as may be proper to recommend to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Thomas Pryor*, Junior, to be continued in the Office of Inspector and Brander of Flour to be exported from the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was again read, and after some Debate thereon, the following Questions being called for, were put by the Speaker, *viz.*

First, Whether the Petitioner shall be re-appointed the Officer for inspecting and branding Flour exported from the City and County of *Philadelphia?*

Carried in the Affirmative.

Secondly, Whether the said Petitioner shall execute the said Office during the Continuance of the Act of Assembly by which he was first appointed?

Carried in the Affirmative.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from *Walter Shee*, *Benjamin Davis*, *Joseph Sanders*, *William Crispin*, *Andrew Bankson*, *Enoch Story*, *James Stevenson*, and *Peter Robeson*, for the Office of Collector of Excise in the County of *Philadelphia*, and after some Time spent therein, the Question being put by the Speaker, Whether *William Crispin*, the present Collector, shall be continued in the said Office?

Carried in the Affirmative.

A Petition from *Henry William Stiegel*, of *Manheim* Township, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, at a very great Expence of Time, and with much Fatigue, has erected a Furnace and other Works for making Flint Glass in the Township and County aforesaid, and been at heavy Charges in procuring Workmen from *Europe* and elsewhere, to carry on the same, by Means whereof he has brought this new Manufacture to such a Degree of Perfection as may prove advantageous to the Public, and humbly submits to the Consideration of the Honourable House whether it might not be a proper Object of their Notice and Encouragement.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Allman* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that without his Assistance and par-

ticular Management of *American* Materials at the Glass-Work of *Henry William Stiegel*, in *Lancaster* County, the Manufacture of white Flint Glass could not have been brought to its present Degree of Perfection in this Province, and referring to the Consideration of the House, whether he may not have some Pretence of Claim to a Share in any Encouragement they shall think proper to afford so important an Object. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 20, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Shearman's* Valley was again read, and after some Debate thereon, referred to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly, with an Order that Notice be given to *James Patton* mentioned in the said Petition, of this Application to the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Message from the President and Council, with the Papers therein referred to, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Message from the President and Council, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Browne*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 21, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Message from the President and Council, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read and agreed to, was transcribed by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please the President and Council.

WE concur with you in Sentiments, that the Subject of your Message is of a very serious Nature.

It is with Concern we find that the Measures taken by the Legislature in their last Sitting have not answered the good Purposes intended. The Chearfulness with which this House, as well as anticedent Assemblies, have supported the executive Part of Government in a due Execution of the Laws, must, we apprehend, convince you of our Readiness to adopt

just and proper Means of suppressing that turbulent Spirit which has too long prevailed, with Impunity, in several Parts of this Province.

But it appears from the Papers laid before us, and other Circumstances, that the Matter recommended to our Consideration is of great Importance and Difficulty, and demands more Attention and Enquiry than the Duration of the present Assembly will admit of. Besides, you must be sensible, would the Time allow of the necessary Enquiry, however desirous we might be to strengthen the Hands of Government, no Act of Legislation can pass when the Office of Governor is supplied by a President and Council.

A new House must soon meet in Pursuance of the Charter, who, no doubt, will pay due Attention to all Matters that may be laid before them, and pursue such prudent Measures as shall appear to them necessary to maintain the Peace and good Order of the Province, should the Powers of Legislation be then compleat.

Signed by Order of the House,

September 21, 1771. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Ferree* wait on the President and Council with the foregoing Answer to their Message.

The Committee of Accounts, pursuant to their Appointment, presented to the Chair a Report on the State of the public Accounts for the past Year, which being in Part read, the House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

September 23, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed on *Saturday* last to wait on the President and Council with the Answer of the House to their *Message*, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

Upon Motion by a Member,

That the *Pennsylvania* Chronicle, No. 245, published this Day, from the Office of *William Goddard*, Printer, now under Execution for Debt in the Gaol of this City, contains a Number of scandalous Reflections on the Character of the present Speaker of this House, the said Paper was read by the Member in his Place, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Resolves, shewing the Sentiments of the House on the said Publication.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 24, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Resolves upon the scandalous Publication in the Chronicle of Yesterday, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read and agreed to by the House, follow in these Words, *viz.*

The House taking into Consideration the Publication in the *Pennsylvania* Chronicle, Number 245, signed *A Friend to Liberty*, with one other Piece, dated *German-Town, September* 20, 1771, published by *William Goddard*, Printer, who is now confined in the common Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia* under divers Executions for Debts.

Resolved, That the Charges and Reflections contained in the said Publications against the Honourable *Joseph Galloway*, the Speaker, are false, scandalous and malicious, a daring Insult to, and a Breach of the Privileges of this House.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolve be published in the *Pennsylvania* Gazette and Journal, and that the Clerk of this House immediately furnish the Printers with a Copy of the same.

A Representation from the Managers of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk in this Province, was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The REPRESENTATION of the MANAGERS of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk in the said Province,

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT a Number of public-spirited Persons in the City and County of *Philadelphia*, moved by a laudable Zeal to increase and improve the Productions of the Province, did, about two Years since, generously subscribe a considerable Sum of Money, subject to the Disposal of certain Managers by them elected, for encouraging the Growth of Mulberry-Trees and raising of Silk Worms.

That the said Managers having spent much Time and used their best Endeavours to execute the Trust reposed in them, have had the Pleasure to find the Soil and Climate of the Province, with the Spirit they have raised in the People, so favourable to this new Attempt, as to encourage the Prosecution thereof to a much greater Extent, by which it seems

highly propable, the Article of Raw Silk may shortly become a valuable Remittance from hence to *Great-Britain*, in Payment of the Manufactures we receive from our Mother Country.

That upon comparing the Quantity of Cocoons raised the first Year, with what have been brought this Summer to the Filature for Sale, the Managers find the Difference nearly *fifteen* to *one*, and by the Accounts received from many Parts of the Country, with the Applications made for Eggs against Spring, they have Reason to expect a proportionate Increase of Cocoons the ensuing Season, if the Weather proves favourable.

That the Managers expect to have ready for Exportation in a few Weeks, about One Hundred and Fifty Weight of reeled Silk, of such a Quality as sells in England from Twenty to Twenty-five Shillings *per Pound*, exclusive of the Parliamentary Bounty; and are very confident, that many Charges, hitherto attending the Filature, must be less in future, some Regulations being now established, that greatly facilitate the Business of Reeling; yet as the Contribution-Money, with which they sat out, will be wholly expended in the Payment of Premiums, and other Debts already incurred, they are apprehensive the Proceeds of the Silk to be exported, will prove altogether inadequate to the Demands of another Year; and how much the Want of necessary Stock may damp the Spirit of the Country People, and fill them with Prejudice to an Object of great Expectation, though struggling with the Weakness of Infancy, the good Understanding of the House will readily suggest.

That if the Samples of different Kinds of Raw Silk, proposed to be sent Home in the Fall, should be approved, which it is hoped they may, from the Judgment of some *English* Gentlemen, acquainted in this Branch, who have seen them here, the Managers are encouraged by those Gentlemen, to expect that very liberal Contributions might be obtained in *England* for promoting this new Article of Commerce, especially if the Society here were previously enabled, by some Gratuity, Grant, or Loan from the Honourable House of Assembly, to represent to their Correspondents at Home, that it had been favoured with the Patronage of their own Government, so justly distinguished by a chearful Munificence on every Occasion, conducive to the Reputation or Interest of the Province.

That the Money sunk in the Outset of this Design ought

not to be any Discouragement to the Prosecution of it, since it will appear by the State of the Accounts, which the Managers are ready to lay before the Honourable House, or any Committee appointed by them, that such *Sinking* is no more than was to be expected from the Nature of the Undertaking, and arises wholly from the high Price and Premiums which were thought necessary for encouraging the raising Cocoons, and from *Reeling* at a Disadvantage with Persons who had the Business to learn, together with the Expence of setting up and furnishing the Filature; the Payment of House-Rent, and the employing a Superintendant at great Wages to instruct young Persons in the Art of Reeling, *&c.* And it may be made appear, that when these extraordinary Expences (necessary at the first Outset) shall cease, even allowing the present high Price of Five Shillings Currency, *per Pound*, for good dry Cocoons, instead of the *Georgia* and *Carolina* Price of Eighteen-pence Sterling; a Pound of reeled Silk will cost only from Twenty-five to Thirty Shillings Currency, which may be sold for nearly as much Sterling in *England*, exclusive of the Parliamentary Bounty, as aforesaid; and therefore this Undertaking may be prosecuted to great public Advantage, and employ many old and young Persons, whose Labour could no way else be rendered of so great Advantage to the Community;—all which is respectfully submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed by Order of a Board of Managers,

WILLIAM SMITH,
BENJAMIN MORGAN,
ROBERT STRETTELL JONES."

September 24, 1771.

A Petition from *Peter Rimer*, *Bernard Kepler*, and *Andrew Hizer*, of the Township of *Perkiomen* and *Skippack*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that whereas an Advertisement has been published in the *Pennsylvania* Gazette of the 4th of *April* last, signed *John Pawling*, *Joseph Pawling* and *Abraham Sahler*, purporting that the said Signers being Owners of Lands on *Perkiomen* Creek, have by Petition to the General Assembly of this Province represented, that two certain original Deeds (*viz.* an Indenture of Bargain and Sale of *August* 3, 1724, made between *Daniel Dubois* and *Philip Dubois* of the one Part, and *Abraham Dubois* of the other Part, whereby the said *Daniel* and *Philip* grant to the said *Abraham* the North-Westerly Moiety or half Part of Twelve Hundred and Eighty-

five Acres of Land at the Place aforesaid; and a Deed Pol of Bargain and Sale, of *November* 2, 1724, whereby the said *Abraham Dubois* grants his said Moiety unto *John Pawling* and *Isaac Dubois*, their Heirs and Assigns forever; under which the said Signers hold their Lands aforesaid) have by some unlucky Accident been so much defaced, that they cannot be produced as legal Evidence of their Title, and have petitioned the Legislature to remedy this Defect by an Act of General Assembly; and the Petitioners having intermarried with *Rachel Zeeber*, *Rebecca Zeeber* and *Sarah Zeeber*, who are Grand-Daughters of the aforesaid *Isaac Dubois*, and inherit and possess a Part of the said Moiety, they likewise pray the House to take their Case into Consideration, and grant them such Relief as shall to the Wisdom of the House appear most expedient.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to make a Survey of the Branches of *Susquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and the *Leheigh*, in order to discover the nearest Distance between them, presented to the Chair a Draught of the said Waters, with a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

In Obedience to the Order of the House of the Twenty-third of the Month called *January* last, we the Subscribers (two of the Persons appointed to view the different Branches of *Susquehanna* and *Schuylkill* lying nearest to each other) met at *Reading* the Nineteenth Day of last Month, and waited some Days for *Joseph Ellicot*, but he being prevented from attending us (as we are informed) by Indisposition; and having an Opportunity of the Assistance of the Surveyor-General, *John Lukens*, we thought it our Duty to proceed, at least on Part of the Business recommended to us, and beg Leave to inform the House, that we levelled and surveyed the Ground between the Head Spring of *Tulpehocken* Creek, a Branch of *Schuylkill*, and the Head Spring of the *Quitipahilla* Branch of *Swatara*; that we find the Distance between these Head Springs to be only four Miles and sixty-four Perches; that the highest Ground between them does not exceed forty-two Feet, and that only a small Part of the Ground is of this Height, the greater Part of it being through a natural Hollow, as will appear by a Sketch of the same, which we propose to draw out from our Field Work. We further

found, that the Head Waters of *Quitipahilla* and *Tulpehocken* are nearly on a level, and the Waters in each of these Branches large enough at the Springs aforesaid to turn Mills. So that we are of Opinion, upon the Whole, that a Communication may be formed between these Springs by a Canal which may be sufficiently supplied by a large Mill-Stream, called *Furnace* Creek, whose Source is high enough for this Purpose, and which falls into *Quitipahilla* about two Miles below its Source; that with the Assistance of this Canal and the improving *Quitipahilla* down to the great *Swatara*, and *Swatara* to its Mouth in *Susquehanna* on that Part, and the improving *Tulpehocken* to its Mouth in *Schuylkill*, and *Schuylkill* down to *Philadelphia*, it is thought an inland Navigation may be formed of vast Extent and Benefit to the Province. We have also been informed, that a like Communication may probably be formed by a Canal between the Head Branches of *Connestogo* and *French* Creek, but we had no Time to examine the Ground in that Place, nor indeed to make so full an Examination of every Particular in the other Place, as may be necessary to a full Report, the Season for Works of this Kind being when the Leaves are off the Trees.

JOHN SELLERS,
BENJAMIN LIGHTFOOT."

"As going again on the above Service will be very inconvenient to me, I request the Favour of the House to release me.

Ninth Month 23, 1771. BENJAMIN LIGHTFOOT."

With the said Draught and Report was presented an Account of Expences attending the said Survey, amounting to *Nineteen Pounds Seventeen* Shillings and *Five-pence*, exclusive of any Allowance for Services, which being read and examined, was *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House proceeded in reading the Report of the Committee on the State of the public Accounts, which being gone through, and deliberately considered, was approved by the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

REPORT of the COMMITTEE of ASSEMBLY on the State of the PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1771.

Pursuant to the Appointment of the HOUSE, We have inspected and examined the several Public Accounts mentioned in this Report, and have sunk and destroyed the Bills of Credit received into the General Loan-Office, on Account of the Quotas, or principal Sums due on the Mortgages and

the Bills of Credit paid into the Treasury on Account of the Provincial Taxes, the Duty on Slaves, and the Excise on Spirituous Liquors, as specified in the State of the respective Accounts, as follows, viz.

WE FIND, THAT

SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE, on Behalf of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, has received since last Year's Settlement, sundry principal Sums, or Quotas, due on the Mortgages (put under his Care by the said Trustees, on the 21st of October, 1767) for which he credits the Province,						
By Cash received of sundry Persons from September 10, 1770, to September 13, 1771, for Quotas due on the several Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, Six Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds Ten Shillings — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	662 10 0
And he Charges, viz.						
To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of the Assembly, and by them burnt and destroyed according to Law — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	662 10 0
And on Account of Interest on the said Mortgages, he Credits,						
By Balance remaining in his Hands, per Account settled the 10th of September last Year, — — — — — — —	£	1896	2	9		
By Cash received of sundry Persons since last Settlement, for Interest due on their several Mortgages taken — — —		285	9	3		
					£	2181 12 0
Which Sum of Two Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings remaining in the Hands of the said Samuel Preston Moore, we have counted.						
Quotas remaining as per Report of the Committee last Year — — — — — — —	£	4710	4	0		
Of which Samuel Preston Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee since that Time, and by them burnt and destroyed as above-mentioned, — —		662	10	0		
Quotas remaining due and to become due on One Hundred and Seven Mortgages,	£	4047	14	0		

STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the several COUNTIES for the PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

Philadelphia County Provincial Tax, 1769, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Twelfth Eighteen penny Tax, as settled by the Committee September 8, 1770, — — — — — — — — — —	£	123	13	7¾		
To Drawback of Collectors Fees on Tax not received and adjusted by County Commissioners, — — — — — — — —		1	17	1½		
To Amount of Tax received, not before accounted for — — — — — — — —		18	2	4		
					£	143 13 1¼
CONTRA						Cr.
By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, Deficiencies allowed by County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£	80	9	7		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1771.						
Carried forward — — — — — — —	£	80	9	7	£	143 13 1¼

Brought forward — — — — — — — —					£	80	9	7	£	143	13	1¼
March 1. Sixty-one Pounds Three Shillings and Nine-pence One Farthing,	£	61	3	9¼								
Sept. 6. One Pound Seven Shillings and Three-pence, —		1	7	3								
By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 62 11 0¼, at 20s. per Cent —						0	12	6				
									£	143	13	1¼

On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of said Tax, as settled by the Committee September 8, 1770, — — — — — — — —					£	3773	12	3			
To Drawback of Collectors Fees on Tax not received and adjusted by County Commissioners — — — — — — — —						3	4	8½			
To Amount of Tax received, not before accounted for — — — — — —						14	11	6½			
									£	3791	8	6
CONTRA										Cr.		
By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, Deficiencies allowed by County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. — — —					£	129	9	0				
Township and Ward Assessors Fees, &c. — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	8	4	7½				
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1770.												
October 3. Twelve Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds 10s 3½ — —	£	1267	10	3½								
Novem. 1. Eight Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds 1s 7½ — — — — —		821	1	7½								
Decem. 6. Two Hundred and One Pounds 16s 2½ — — — — —		201	16	2½								
26. Five Hundred and Forty-nine Pounds 18s 3 — — — — — — — 1771.		549	18	3								
March. 1. Four Hundred and Fourteen Pounds 11s 2 — — — — —		414	11	2								
April 18. Two Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds 17s 1 — — — — —		264	17	1								
August. 17. Ninety-five Pounds 15s 8½ — —		95	15	8½								
Sept. 6. One Pound 19s 4½ — — — — —		1	19	4½								
						3617	9	8½				
By County Treasurers Commissions on £3625 14 4, at 20s. per Cent, — —						36	5	2				
									£	3791	8	6

On Account of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount thereof — — — — — — — — — — — —									£	11,679	8	0
To Amount of sundry Fines received from Persons appointed Ward and Township Assessors, who refused or neglected serving —										27	5	0
									£	11,706	13	0
CONTRA										Cr.		
By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax as settled by County Commissioners, viz.												

Deficiencies allowed by County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. — —				£	307	19 0
Collectors Fees — — — — — — — —					284	5 5
County Commissioners Fees — — —				£	36	9 0
County Assessors ditto — — — —					110	15 0
Township and Ward Assessors ditto —					127	0 0
Clerks Fees for this Year — — —					79	5 4
Ditto—Part of last Year — — — —					35	1 8
Sundry Disbursements — — — — — —					7	16 0
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.						
1771.						
June 4. Eleven Hundred and Nineteen Pounds 7s 8½ — — — — — —	£1119	7	8½			
24. Fifteen Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds 17s 10½ — —	1548	17	10½			
July 26. Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds 18s 11 — — — — — —	839	18	11			
27. Eleven Hundred and Seventy Pounds 18s 5½ — — — — —	1170	18	5½			
Aug. 6. Twelve Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds 15s 10½ — — — — —	1291	15	10½			
31. Fifteen Hundred and Eight Pounds 9s 5½ — — — — —	1508	9	5½			
Sept. 4. Five Hundred and Forty-six Pounds 12s 11 — — — —	546	12	11			
					8026	1 2½
				£	8422	8 2½
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 8422 8 2½, at 20s. per Cent,					84	4 5¾
					8506	12 8¼
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —					2607	15 10¾
						£11,706 13 0

Bucks County Provincial Tax, 1770, *Paul Preston*, Treasurer,

Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the Committee September 1, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	345 16 3
To a Tax in Northampton Township, not accounted for in the said Settlement, — — — — — — — — — — — —						0 13 3
					£	346 9 6
CONTRA					Cr.	
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled,						
Deficiencies allowed by County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. — — —				£	14	1 0
Collectors Fees — — — — — — — —					8	6 2½
				£	22	7 2½
Commissioners Fees — — — — — —				£	0	9 0
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.						
1771.						
June 22. Three Hundred Pounds — — — —	£ 300	0	0			
Sept. 4. Twenty Pounds 9s 2 — — — — — —	20	9	2			
					320	9 2
						320 18 2
Carried forward, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	343 5 4½

Brought forward, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	343	5 4½
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 320 18 2, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		3	4 1½
	£	346	9 6

Bucks County Provincial Tax, 1771, *Paul Preston*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax,				£	2554 0 0
CONTRA					Cr.
By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies allowed by the County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c.	£	4	17 6		
Collectors Fees — — — — — — — —		43	11 2	£	48 8 8
County Commissioners Fees — — — —	£	30	15 0		
County Assessors ditto — — — —		31	15 0		
Township Assessors ditto — — —		60	5 0		
Clerks Fees, &c. — — — — — — —		36	14 8		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
1771.					
June 22. Fourteen Hundred Pounds — — —	£1400	0	0		
Sept. 4. Two Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds 9s 3 — — —	227	9	3		
	1627	9	3		1786 18 11
By County Treasurers Commissions on £1786 18 11, at 20s per Cent, — —	£	17	17 4		
Mileage — — — — — — — — — —		0	15 0		18 12 4
By Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding,					700 0 1
				£	2554 0 0

Chester County Provincial Tax, 1770, *James Gibbons*, Treasurer, *Dr.*

TO the full Amount of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax,				£	4285 13 9
CONTRA					Cr.
By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiences allowed by the County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c.	£	187	7 1		
Collectors Fees — — — — — — — —		107	2 11		
Commissioners, County Assessors and Clerks Fees, — — — — —	£ 130	6	6		
Township Assessors Fees — — — — —	95	19	9		
	£	226	6		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
1770. Aug. 29. Thirteen Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds 1s 10 —	£1333	1	10		
Sept. 10. Seventy-three Pounds — — — — —	73	0	0		
	1406	1	10		
Octo. 27. Five Hundred and Ninety Pounds 7s 5½ — — — — — —	£ 590	7	5½		
1771. March 29. Three Hundred Pounds and 4d. — — — — — —	300	0	4		
Carried forward, — —	£ 890	7	9½	£ 1926	18 1	£ 4285	13 9

Brought forward, — —	£ 890 7 9½	£ 1926 18 1	£ 4285 13 9	
May 30. Twelve Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds and ½d. — —	1225 0 0½			
Aug. 29. One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds 18s. — — —	175 18 0			
Sept. 7. Twenty-seven Pounds 19s 6½ — —	27 19 6½			
		2319 5 4½		
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 3951 13 5½, at 20s. per Cent, —		39 10 3½		
			£ 4285 13 9	

Chester County Provincial Tax, 1771, *James Gibbons*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax			£ 4215 5 3
CONTRA			Cr.
By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.			
Deficiences allowed by the County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. — — — — — — — —		£ 119 1 6	
Collectors Fees — — — — — — — — —		105 7 8	
Commissioners, County Assessors and Clerks Fees — —	£ 117 14 0		
Township Assessors Fees — — — — —	76 8 6		
		£ 194 2 6	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1771.			
Aug. 29. One Thousand Pounds 4s 2 — — —	£1000 4 2		
30. One Hundred and One Pounds 19s 10	101 19 10		
Sept. 7. Twenty-five Pounds 1s 10½ — —	25 1 10½		
		1127 5 10½	
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 1321 8 4½, at 20s. per Cent, — — — —	£ 13 4 3		
Mileage — — — —	0 12 0		
		13 16 3	
By Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding — — — — — — —		2655 11 5½	
			£ 4215 5 3

Lancaster County Provincial Tax, *Michael Diffenderfer*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the Committee, September 8, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — —			£ 319 12 9
CONTRA			Cr.
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
1770. Oct 18. One Hundred and Eighty Pounds 10s. — — — — — — — —		£ 180 10 0	
1771. Jan. 10. One Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds 19s 6 — — — — — — —		135 19 6	
		£ 316 9 6	
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 316 9 6, at 20s. per Cent, — —		3 3 3	
			£ 319 12 9

On Account of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax,

Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — —					£	3735 13 0
CONTRA						Cr.
By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.						
Deficiences allowed by the County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. — —			£	200 7 6		
Collectors Fees — — — — — — — —				80 7 6		
County Commissioners Fees — — — — —	£	45 18 0				
Ditto on the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, — — — — —		24 10 0				
County Assessors Fees		69 0 0				
Clerks Fees and Stationary, &c. — —		24 0 0				
Township Assessors Fees — — — — —		118 10 0				
			£	281 18 0		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Povincial Treasurer, viz. 1771.						
July 16. One Thousand Pounds — — — — —	£	1000 0 0				
Sept. 7. Sixteen Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds 13s 4 — — —		1632 13 4				
				2632 13 4		
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 2914 11 4, at 20s. per Cent. —			£	29 2 10		
Mileage, — — — — — — — — — —				1 13 0		
By Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — —				509 10 10		
					£	3735 13 0

York County, on the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax,

Dr.

TO Balance remaining due from the Estate of John Blackburn, late Treasurer, deceased, as settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year, with William Matthews, Administrator to said Estate, — — — — — — — — —	£	625 14 7¼
CONTRA		Cr.
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, by William Matthews, — — — — — — — — — — — —		
1770. Dec. 31. One Hundred and Seventy Pounds, — —	£	170 0 0
By Balance remaining due to the Province, — — — — —		455 14 7¼
	£	625 14 7¼

On Account of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, *Robert M'Pherson*, Treasurer,

Dr.

TO Balance remaining due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	233 0 0
Of which no Part has been paid.		

On Account of Taxes due from the Estates of Non-residents,

Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, —	£	321 14 0½
Of which also no Part appears to have been paid.		

On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, *Michael Swoope*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO the full Amount of said Tax, as reported last Year, —					£	1482	18 7½
CONTRA						Cr.	
By sundry Charges attending the Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.							
Deficiencies allowed by County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. — —					£	123 17 7	
Collector Fees, — — — — — — — —						37 10 6	
By County Commissioners Fees, — — —	£	58	6	0			
County Assessors ditto, — — — —		35	10	0			
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —		93	2	6			
Clerks ditto, — — —		36	10	0			
Surveyors ditto, for Draughts, &c., —		1	0	0			
Messengers to carry Notices, — — —		1	10	0			
Commissioners Orders to former Collectors for Errors, — — —		4	1	6			
					£	230 0 0	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
1770.							
Sept. 17. Five Hundred Pounds, as reported last Year, — — — — — —						500 0 0	
1771.							
Jan. 9. One Hundred and Fifty Pounds,	£	150	0	0			
May 27. Two Hundred and Seventy Pounds,		270	0	0			
Sept. 9. One Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds 3s 6. — —		135	3	6			
						555 3 6	
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 1285 3 6, at 20s. per Cent, — — —	£	12	17	0			
Mileage, — — — —		2	5	0			
					£	15 2 0	
By Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — — —						21 5 0½	
						£	1482 18 7¾

York County, on Account of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, *Michael Swoope, Treasurer*, Dr.

TO the full Amount of said Tax, — — — — — — — — —				£	1497 15 5
CONTRA			Cr.		
By sundry Charges allowed by the County Commissioners,					
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —	£	49 11 9			
County Commissioners, County Assessors, Township Assessors and Clerks Fees in Part, — — — — — — — —	£	188 12 5			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,					
1771. Sept. 9. Six Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds, — — — — — —		673 0 0			
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 861 12 5, at 20s. per Cent, —	£	8 12 3			
Mileage, — — — — — — — — — —		2 5 0			
By Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — —		575 14 0			
				£	1497 15 5

Cumberland County, on Account of Provisional Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Treasurer, Dr.

On the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax.

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as per Settlement with the Committee, September 22, 1770, — — — — —				£	326 6 5
To the Amount of Taxes laid on the Estates on Non residents, for the 10th, 11th and 12th Eighteen-penny Taxes, as charged in that Account last Year, — —					1183 19 1½
				£	1510 5 6½

CONTRA Cr.

By the Amount of Thirteen Pounds 14s1¼, being so much transferred last Year from the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax to the Credit of the Account, formed for the Taxes laid on the Estates of Non-residents,				£	13 14 1¼
By sundry Charges and Abatements on the 10th, 11th and 12th Eighteen-penny Taxes, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. on the 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — — — —	£	241	7 6		
Ditto on the 11th ditto, — — — —		124	1 8		
Ditto on the 12th ditto, — — — —		166	6 6½		
				£	531 15 8½
Collectors Fees, — —	£	3	14 0		
Ditto on £ 88 11 0 —		2	4 3		
					5 18 3
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1771.					
Aug. 11. By the Hands of Reuben Haines Twenty-eight Pounds Six Shillings and Three-pence, — — — —	£	28	6 3		
Sept. 17. Eighty-eight Pounds Eleven Shillings, — — — — —		88	11 0		
				£	116 17 3
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 116 17 3, at 20s. per Cent, — —					1 3 4
By Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — —					840 16 10¼
				£	1510 5 6½

On the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected as per Settlement with the Committee, September 22, 1770, — — — — —				£	1212 5 6
To the Amount of Taxes laid on the Estates of Non-residents on the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, as charged in that Account last Year, — — — — — — — — —					19 12 6
				£	1231 18 0

CONTRA Cr.

By sundry Charges and Abatements on said Tax, exclusive of those settled last Year, viz.					
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c., — —				£	60 14 2
Collectors Fees, — —	£	16	8 2½		
Ditto on receiving £ 64 11 0, — — —		1	12 3		
				£	18 0 5½
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —				£	3 15 0
Carried forward, — — — — — — —				£	82 9 7½ £ 1231 18 0

Brought forward, — — — — — — — —				£	82	9	7½	£ 1231 18 0
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.								
1771.								
May 9.								
One Hundred and Ninety Pounds, —	£	190	0	0				
Forty-nine Pounds 10s9 — — — — — —		49	10	9				
Sept. 17.								
Fifty-three Pounds 12s10 — — — —		53	12	10				
Sixty-four Pounds 11s. — — — —		64	11	0				
				£	357	14	7	
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 361 9 7, at 20s. per Cent, — —					3	12	3	
By Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — —					788	1	6½	
								£ 1231 18 0

On the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — —								£ 1597 1 11
CONTRA							Cr.	
By sundry Charges attending the Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.								
Deficiencies, — — — — — — — — —				£	13	5	0	
Collector Fees, — —	£	5	8	10				
Ditto on receiving £ 36 16 3 — — —		0	18	9				
					6	7	7	
County Commissioners Fees, — — —				£	33	15	0	
County Assessors ditto, — — — — —					37	10	0	
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —					119	0	0	
Clerks ditto and Stationary, — — —					40	16	2	
Expences, — — — — — — — — — —					1	0	0	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.								
1771.								
Aug. 17. One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds 17s10, — —	£	115	17	10				
Sept. 17. One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds 5s. —		133	5	0				
Thirty-six Pounds 16s3,		36	16	3				
				£	285	19	1	
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 518 0 3, at 20s. per Cent, — —				£	5	3	7	
Mileage, — — — — — — — — — — —					3	0	0	
Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — —					1051	5	6	
								£ 1597 1 11

Berks County, on Account of the Provincial Taxes,
Christopher Witman, Treasurer, Dr.

On the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax,

TO Balance due, at Settlement with the Committee, September 4, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — —								£ 13 12 1
Which Sum of Thirteen Pounds 12s1 ermains undischarged.								

On the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO the full amount of said Tax, — — — — — — — —								£ 1211 1 0
CONTRA							Cr.	
By sundry Charges attending the Levying								

and Collecting the same, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.							
Deficiencies allowed by County Commissioners for Insolvents, Collector Fees, — — — — — — — —					29	12	10
By County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£	16	14	4			
County Assessors ditto, — — — —		23	0	0			
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —		51	15	0			
Clerks ditto and sundry Disbursements,		31	19	3			
					£ 123	8	7
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, 1771.							
May 28. Five Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, — — — —	£	514	0	0			
Sept. 4. Four Hundred and Six Pounds, — — — —		406	0	0			
					920	0	0
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 1043 8 7, at 20s. per Cent, — —					£ 10	8	8
Mileage, — — — — — — — — — —					1	9	0
By Balance due to the Province on this Tax, said to be uncollected,					100	15	5
						£ 1211	1 0

Northampton County, on the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, *John Wagle*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — —						£ 1113	3 9
CONTRA						Cr.	
By sundry Charges attending the Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.							
Deficiencies allowed for Insolvents, —					£ 6	12	6
Collectors Fees, — — — — — — —					27	13	3
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£	34	13	0			
County Assessors ditto — — — — —		30	2	6			
Township Assessors ditto — — — — —		58	12	6			
Clerks Fees and qualifying Assessors, &c. — — — — —		35	7	6			
					£ 158	15	0
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1771.							
April 3. Four Hundred Pounds, — —	£	400	0	0			
May 7. Two Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds, — — — —		265	0	0			
Sept. 5. Two Hundred and Forty-two Pounds 19s1, — —		242	19	1			
					907	19	1
By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 1066 14 7, at 20s. per Cent, —					£ 10	13	5
Mileage, — — — — — — — — — —					1	10	0
						£ 1113	3 9

STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the EXCISE on *Spirituous Liquors*, in the several Counties, *viz.*

The Estate of *Joseph Stretch*, deceased, late Collector of Excise for the City and County of *Philadelphia*,

Dr.

TO Balance of his Account, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		£	680 1 7½
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1770, to April 1, 1771, — — — — — — — — —	£ 1580 7 4		
To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures,	17 10 0		
			1597 17 4
		£	2227 18 11½

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, viz. 1770.			
Oct. 11. One Hundred and Forty-five Pounds, — — — — —	£ 145 0 0		
Nov. 27. One Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds, 19s9. — — 1771.	184 19 9		
Jan. 14. One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds 16s3 — —	114 16 3		
April 22. One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds 9s9, — —	116 9 9		
May 21. One Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds 7s4. — —	161 7 4		
June 20. One Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds 7s9 —	127 7 9		
July 17. Two Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds 1s5 —	227 1 5		
Aug. 1. Two Hundred and Nine Pounds 10s9 — —	209 10 9		
17. One Hundred and Thirteen Pounds 13s11 — —	113 13 11		
Sept. 6. Eighty-one Pounds 10s3 — —	81 10 3		
	£ 1481 17 2		
By his Commission, at 5 per Cent, —	74 1 10		
	£ 1,555 19 0		
By sundry Debts due from divers Persons, who are become Insolvent, &c. as per List rendered, — — — — —	93 4 10		
Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — —	628 15 1½		
		£	2277 18 11½

William Crispin, present Collector of Excise for the City and County of *Philadelphia*,

Dr.

TO amount of Excise from April 2, 1771, to July 1, 1771,	£	811 15 4
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — —		363 0 0
To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, — — — — —		28 18 3
	£	1203 13 7

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

1771.			
Aug. 12. Three Hundred and Two Pounds 11s2 — —	£ 302 11 2		
24. Two Hundred and Forty Pounds 17s10, — —	240 17 10		
Sept. 3. Four Hundred and Fifteen Pounds 8s6 — — —	415 8 6		
		£ 958 17 6	
By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, — —		47 18 10	
		£ 1006 16 4	
Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — —		196 17 3	
			£ 1203 13 7

John Woolston, Collector of Excise for *Bucks* County,

Dr.

To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1770, to July 1, 1771,	£	296 15 0
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — —		96 15 0
	£	393 10 0

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
1771.			
April 23. Sixty-seven Pounds, Eleven Shillings, — — — — — — — — — —	£	67 11 0	
June 24. One Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds, — — — — — — — — — —		134 0 0	
Sept. 4. One Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds 12s. — — — — —— —		152 12 0	
	£	354 3 0	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		39 7 0	
			£ 393 10 0

Charles Humphreys, Collector of Excise for *Chester* County,

Dr.

To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1770, to July 1, 1771,	£	498 7 0
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — —		129 5 0
	£	627 12 0

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
1771.			
Sept. 7. Four Hundred and Forty-two Pounds 7s9 — — — — — — — — —	£	442 7 9	
14. One Hundred Pounds Eight Shillings and Six-pence, — — —		100 8 6	
16. Twenty-two Pounds and Seven-pence, — — — — — — — —		22 0 7	
	£	564 16 10	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		62 15 2	
			£ 627 12 0

Sebastian Graff, Collector of Excise for *Lancaster* County,

Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1769, to July 1, 1770, — — — — — —	£	305 10 0	
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — —		292 10 0	
			£ 598 0 0
Carried forward — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —			£ 598 0 0

Brought forward — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	598 0 0
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1770, to July 1, 1771, — — — — — — —	£	314	3	2		
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — — — —		309	5	0		
To a Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures,		4	0	0		
						627 8 2
					£	1225 8 2

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1770.					
As reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	420	0	11	
1771.					
Sept. 9. Five Hundred Pounds, — —		500	0	0	
	£	920	0	11	
By his Comimssions, at 10 per Cent, —	£	92	0	1	
Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — — —		213	7	2	
					£ 1225 8 2

George Eichelberger, late Collector of Excise for *York* County, Dr.

TO Balance of his Account, as settled by the Committee, Sept. 5, 1769, and reported 1770, — — — — — —					£	80 3 4

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1770.					
Oct. 9. Twenty-seven Pounds, — —	£	27	0	0	
1771.					
Sept. 9. Per Michael Swoope, Thirty-four Pounds 7s. — — — — — —		34	7	0	
	£	61	7	0	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		6	16	4	
By sundry Debts due from sundry Persons who became Insolvent from 1767 to 1769, — — — — — — — — —		12	0	0	
					£ 80 3 4

Jacob Billmeyer, Jun. present Collector of Excise for *York* County, Dr.

TO Balance of his Account, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	57 13 0
To Amount of Excise from August 1, 1770, to August 1, 1771, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						264 16 3
					£	322 9 3

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1771.					
Aug. 22. Forty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and 3d. — — — — —	£	42	14	3	
Sept. 9. One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds 8s. — — — — — — —		153	8	0	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		19	12	2	
By sundry Debts due from divers Persons who became Insolvent, — — — —	£	9	15	0	
Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — —		96	19	10	
					£ 322 9 3

James Lindsay, late Collector of Excise for *Cumberland* County, Dr.

TO Balance of his Account, as settled by the Committee. Sept. 12, 1768, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	49 5 7
To Amount of sundry Retailers from 1768 to 1769, —					63 10 0
				£	112 15 7

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1769.					
Twenty-three Pounds Ten Shillings,	£	23	10	0	
1770.					
Forty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six-pence, — — — — — —		43	14	6	
1771.					
Feb. 8. Nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Three-pence, — — — —	£	9	19	3	
June 4. Eighteen Pounds, — — —		18	0	0	
6. Six Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence, — — — — — — —		6	6	4	
		34	5	7	
By Commissions at 10 per Cent, — —		11	5	6	
				£	112 15 7

THOMAS Beard, present Collector for the County of Cumberland, hath not appeared nor sent his Account, either for the last or present Year, but we find by Report of the Committee of 22d September, 1770, that he had paid into the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 36 2 6

And since that Time hath paid unto said Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — — — — — — — — — — — 87 0 0

£ 123 2 6

Jasper Scull, Collector of Excise for *Berks* County, Dr.

TO Balance of his Account, as settled by the Committee, September 4, 1770, — — — — — — — —				£	56 4 11
To Amount of Excise from 14th Aug. 1770, to 14th Aug. 1771, — — — —	£	247	2	6	
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — —		119	5	0	
To a Moiety of a Forfeiture, — — —		12	13	0	
					379 0 6
				£	435 5 5

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1771.					
Aug. 20. One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds 2s4 — — — — — — —	£	148	2	4	
Sept. 5. Two Hundred and One Pounds 17s8 — — — — — — — —		201	17	8	
By William Frick's Excise, accounted for a Settlement 1769, who moved off, and died Insolvent, — — — — — — —		3	0	0	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		35	0	0	
Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — — —		47	5	5	
				£	435 5 5

Jesse Jones, Collector of Excise for *Northampton* County,

Dr.

TO Balance of his Accounts, as settled by the Committee, September 5, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	42 14 11
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1770, to July 1, 1771,					147 15 2
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — —					45 6 8
				£	235 16 9
CONTRA					Cr.
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1771.					
July 20. Seventy-one Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six-pence, — — — —	£	71	17 6		
Sept. 2. One Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds 2s6 — — — — — — — —		131	2 6		
	£	203	0 0		
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent,		20	6 0		
Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — — — — —		12	10 9		
				£	235 16 9

Thomas Coombe, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for building and supporting a *Light-house* at *Cape-Henlopen*,

Dr.

TO the Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia, from September 4, 1770, to September 2, 1771, as per Account, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	1565 15 10
CONTRA		Cr.
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, per Receipts, — — — — — — — — — — —	£	1471 16 11
By Commissions on £1565 15 10, at 6 per Cent, — —		93 18 11
	£	1565 15 10

Thomas Coombe, Collector of Duties on Negroe and Mulattoe Slaves,

Dr.

TO Amount of Duties received, being Part of a Balance due on sundry outstanding Debts, contained in several Lists exhibited to the Committee of Assembly, September 17, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	179 0 0
To Amount of Duties received on Slaves imported since last Settlement, — — — — — — — — — — — —					69 10 0
				£	248 10 0
CONTRA					Cr.
By Balance due, as per Settlement with the Committee, September 17, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	70 6 6
1771.					
Sept. 14. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					153 0 0
By his Commissions on £153 0 0, at 5 per Cent, — —					7 13 0
Balance due to the Province, — — — — — — — —					17 10 6
				£	248 10 0

Note. The Balance remaining last Year on outstanding Debts, as per List and Account, settled by the Committee, September 17, 1770, — — £ 704 0 0

Of which received as above, — — —	£ 179 0 0		
Sundry Drawbacks on Slaves exported, as per List now rendered, — — — —	75 0 0		
Balance remaining outstanding, per List,	450 0 0		
		704 0 0	
And by another List produced this Day, there appears outstanding Debts on Slaves imported since last Settlement, — — — —	£ 120 0 0		
Which, with the above Balance of	450 0 0		
	is £	570 0 0	being the

Total of outstanding Debts at this Time.

Joseph Fox, Barrack-Master, in *Philadelphia*, Dr.

TO Cash paid him by Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.		
Out of the £20000 — — — — — — —	£ 1019 12 9½	
Out of the 16000 — — — — — —	70 3 4½	
		£ 1089 16 2
CONTRA		Cr.
By Amount of his Account for Necessaries supplied the Soldiers quartered in this City, in Fire-Wood, Candles, Small-Beer, &c. from October 17, 1770, to September 13, 1771, — — — — — — — — — — — — —		£ 1089 16 2

The Trustees of the *State-House*. Dr.

TO Cash paid Joseph Fox Esq; by Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, per Order of the Trustees, — — — —	£ 116 2 0
CONTRA	Cr.
By Cash paid sundry Persons their respective Balances for Work done at the State-House Wall and Gate-way, and hauling Earth into the State-House Yard, &c. as per Accounts and Vouchers, — — — — — — — — — —	£ 116 2 0

The ESTATE of the Honourable the PROPRIETARIES of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as settled by the Commissioners of the respective Counties,

Dr.

TO Balance of their Account, adjusted by the Committee of Assembly, Sept. 21, 1770, exclusive of their 13th Eighteen-penny Tax for Chester County, — — — — —			£ 1864 7 10½
To the Amount of the said 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, for said Chester County, — — — — — — — — — —			37 16 9
To their 14th Eighteen-penny Tax for Philadelphia County, — — — — —	£	150 0 0	
To ditto Bucks County, — — — — —		30 12 0	
To ditto Chester County, — — — —		47 16 9	
To ditto Lancaster County, — — — —		110 0 11	
To ditto York County, — — — — —		50 19 3¾	
To ditto Cumberland County, — — —		249 10 2	
To ditto Berks County, — — — — —		139 14 6	
To ditto Northampton County, — — —		123 1 5½	
			901 15 1¼
			£ 2803 19 8¾

CONTRA		Cr.		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — —	£	455	0	0
Balance due to the Province, — — — — — — — — —		2348	19	8¾
	£	2803	19	8¾

STATE of the ACCOUNTS of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, *viz.*

On Account of Duties and Tonnage per Act of Assembly, passed 1758,

		Dr.		
TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee of Assembly, September 21, 1769, — — — — — — — — — —	£	2	10	7½
Which Sum of £ 2 10 7½ remains in his Hands.				

On Account of the *Province* Island,

		Dr.		
TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	312	2	9
Balance due to Owen Jones, — — — — — — — — —		2	17	3
	£	315	0	0
CONTRA		Cr.		
1770.				
Nov. 7. By Cash paid Thomas Wharton, per Order of the Trustees, — — — — — — — — — — — — —		300	0	0
By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, — — — —		15	0	0
	£	315	0	0

N. B. The One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, which Joseph Galloway, Esq; in Behalf of the Trustees of the Province Island, had received, as reported by the Committee last Year, We are informed, has been applied agreeable to the Order of the House, and remains to be accounted for by the said Trustees.

On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported,

		Dr.		
TO Cash received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, — —	£	153	0	0
CONTRA		Cr.		
By Bills of Credit delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	152	4	9
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent, — — — — — —		0	15	3
	£	153	0	0

On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Use, passed 1763,

		Dr.		
TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	701	11	0
Which Sum of Seven Hundred and One Pounds Eleven Shillings remains in his Hands.				

On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, for building and supporting the *Light-house* at *Cape-Henlopen*,

		Dr.		
TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	448	19	8½
Carried forward — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	448	19	8½

Brought forward, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	448 19 8½
To Cash received of Thomas Coombe at sundry Times,						1471 16 11
					£	1,920 16 7½
CONTRA				Cr.		
By Cash paid Peter Reeve, per Order of the Commissioners at sundry Times,	£	1316	15	4		
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,		6	11	8		
					£	1323 10 0
Balance due to the Province, — — — — — — — —						597 6 7½
					£	1,920 16 7½

On Account of the Act for raising £ 20,000, for the Support of Government, passed *May* 20, 1767, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	1,085 2 1
CONTRA				Cr.		
1770. Dec. 1. By Cash paid Hugh Ferguson, per Order of Thomas Willing, the Judges Expences on the Circuit, — — — — —	£	10	15	6		
1771. May 3. By ditto paid Stephen Shewell, for B. Franklin, —		14	0	0		
July 4. By ditto paid Hugh Ferguson, per Order of Thomas Willing, the Judges Expences on the Circuit, — — — — —		35	5	10		
	£	60	1	4		
By ditto paid Joseph Fox at sundry Times, on Account of the Barracks, —		1,019	12	9½		
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent, — — — —		5	7	11½		
					£	1,085 2 1

On Account of the Act for raising and applying the Sum of £ 3000, towards removing the Discontent of the *Indians*, &c. passed *February*, 1768. Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	3 9 0
Which Sum of Three Pounds Nine Shillings remains in his Hands.						

On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, as settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	2,202 0 0½
To Cash received of Joseph Stretch, late Collector for Philadelphia County, —	£	1481	17	2		
William Crispin, present ditto, for ditto, — — — — — — — — —		958	17	6		
John Woolston, ditto for Bucks County, — — — — — — — — —		354	3	0		
Charles Humphreys, ditto for Chester County, — — — — — — — —		564	16	10		
Sebastian Graff, ditto for Lancaster County, — — — — — — — —		500	0	0		
Carried forward, — — — — — — — —	£	3859	14	6	£	2,202 0 0½

Brought forward, — — — — — — — —	£	3859	14	6	£	2,202	0 0½
George Eichelberger, late ditto for York County, — — — — — — — —		61	7	0			
Jacob Billmeyer, Jun. present ditto for ditto, — — — — — — — —		196	2	3			
Jasper Scull, ditto for Berks County,		350	0	0			
James Lindsay, late ditto for Cumberland County, — — — — —		34	5	7			
Thomas Beard, present ditto for ditto, — — — — — — — — —		87	0	0			
Jesse Jones, ditto for Northampton County, — — — — — — — — —		203	0	0			
						4,791	9 4
					£	6,993	9 4½
CONTRA — — — — — — — —		Cr.					
By Bills of credit issued by Act of Assembly, passed May 20, 1767, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 20,000, raised for support of Government, &c. — — — — — — — — — — —	£	1894	0	0			
By Bills of Credit issued by Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 16,000, raised for Support of Government, &c.		3,100	10	0			
By Cash paid Thomas Wharton, Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Hospital, per Order of the Signers of the £15,000, emitted per Act passed 9th March last, — — — — — — — —		54	0	0			
	£	5,048	10	0			
By his Commissions on £269 7 8½, being so much by him paid, Part of the said £15,000, as per account stated, at 5s, per Cent, — — — —	£	0	13	5½			
By his Commissions on £5048 10 0, at 5 per Cent, — — — — — — — — —		252	8	6			
Balance due to the Province, — —		1,691	17	5			
					£	6,993	9 4½

On Account of the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of William Matthews, Administrator for the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, late Treasurer for York County, — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	170	0 0
CONTRA						Cr.	
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	169	11 6
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent, — — — — — —						0	8 6
					£	170	0 0

On Account of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, for Philadelphia County, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	62	11 0¼
To ditto — of John Montgomery, Esq; for Cumberland County, — — — —	£	88	11	0			
To ditto — of ditto — for ditto,		28	6	3			
						116	17 3
					£	179	8 3¼

CONTRA Cr.

By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	178 19 4
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent, — — — — — — — —					0 8 11¼
				£	179 8 3¼

On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO Balance of this Tax in his Hands, September 21, 1770,				£	6,625 13 4¼
TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, for Philadelphia County, — — —	£	3,617	9 8½		
Paul Preston, for Bucks County, — —		320	9 2		
James Gibbons, for Chester County, —		2319	5 4½		
Michael Diffenderfer, for Lancaster County, — — — — — — — — — —		316	9 6		
Michael Swoope, Esq; for York County, — — — — — — — — — —		555	3 6		
John Montgomery, Esq; for Cumberland County, — — — — — — — —		357	14 7		
					7,486 11 10
				£	14,112 5 2¼
Contra — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					Cr.
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — —	£	14,076	19 7		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,		35	5 7¼		
				£	14,112 5 2¼

On Account of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Treasurer for Philadelphia County,	£	8026	1 2½		
Paul Preston, for Bucks County, —		1627	9 3		
James Gibbons, for Chester County, —		1127	5 10½		
Michael Diffenderfer, for Lancaster County, — — — — — — — — — —		2632	13 4		
Michael Swoope, Esq; for York County, — — — — — — — — — —		673	0 0		
John Montgomery, Esq; for Cumberland County, — — — — — — — —		285	19 1		
Christopher Witman, for Berks County, — — — — — — — — — —		920	0 0		
John Wagle, for Northampton County, — — — — — — — — — —		907	19 1		
				£	16,200 7 10
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					Cr.
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	9409	14 4½		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,		23	10 5½		
Balance due to the Province, — —		6,767	3 0		
				£	16,200 7 10

On Account of the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries,

Dr.

TO Cash received of Edmund Physick, — — — — — —				£	455 0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					Cr.
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	453	17 3		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,		1	2 9		
				£	455 0 0

On Account of the Act for raising the Sum of £16,000, for Support of Government, passed *February* 18, 1769,

Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, — — — — — — — — — —				£	5,012 19 1¾

CONTRA — — —

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid Orders from the Provincial Commissioners, viz.					
Matthew Clarkson, — — — — — — —	£	15	14	3½	
Captain Montresor, — — — — — —		135	0	0	
Thomas Palmer, — — — — — — —		25	9	6	
Matthew Clarkson, — — — — — —		7	4	2	
William Dunwick, — — — — — —		27	15	9	
Ditto — — — — — — — — — —		25	0	0	
Thomas Palmer, — — — — — — —		30	0	0	
Edward Drinker, — — — — — —		3	4	0	
	£	269	7	8½	
Balance due to the City, — — —		14,730	12	3½	
					£15,000 0 0

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, We find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and 1½d. viz.

On Account of Duties and Tonnage, per Act passed 1758, — — — —	£	2	10	7½	
On Account of the £24000, granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763, — — — — — — — — —		701	11	0	
On Account of Duties on Tonnage, for Support of the Light House at Cape-Henlopen, — — — — — — —		597	6	7½	
On Account of the £3000, appropriated for removing Indians Discontents,		3	9	0	
On Account of Excise, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in Order to be sunk and destroyed according to Law, — —		1691	17	5	
On Account of the 14th Eighteen-penny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in Order to be sunk and destroyed according to Law, — — — — — —		6767	3	0	
On Account of the £16000, granted for the Support of Government, per Act passed the 18th of February, 1769, — — — — — — — — —		695	0	5	
On Account of the £15000, granted for the Defence of the City of Philadelphia, per Act passed March the 9th last, — — — — — — — — —		14730	12	3½	
	£	25,189	10	4½	
And there appears a Balance due to him, on Account of the Province Island, — — — — — — — — —		2	17	3	
Which Sum of £25186 13 1½ we have carefully counted. — —					£25,186 13 1½

WE have received of the Treasurer to the contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit Part of the £14,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, the Sum of — — — £ 121 5 5

Which we have sunk, burnt and destroyed according to Law.

The Amount of the *Paper Bills* of *Credit*, burnt and destroyed in the Preference of the Committee of Assembly this Year, is *Thirty-five Thousand Nine Hundred* and *Seventy-three Pounds, Seventeen Shillings* and *Three Farthings*, viz.

ON Account of the Quotas paid into the General Loan-Office, received from Mary Norris, Administratrix to the Estate of Charles Norris, deceased, — — — — — — — — —	£ 4754 4 10¼		
Of Quotas, received by Samuel Preston Moore, on the Mortgages in his Hands, on Behalf of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office — — —	662 10 0		
		£ 5,416 14 10¼	
On Account of Taxes — — — — — —	£24,289 2 0½		
On Account of Negro Duty — — — —	152 4 9		
		24,441 6 9½	
On Excise in Bills of Credit issued by Act of Assembly, passed the 20th of May, 1767, Part of £20,000,	£ 1,894 0 0		
In Bills of Credit issued by Act of Assembly, passed the 18th February, 1769, Part of the £16,000, — —	3,100 10 0		
		4,994 10 0	
On Account of the £14,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed the 18th Feb. 1769, for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		121 5 5	
		£35,973 17 0¾	

Debts outstanding, due to the Province on Account of Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

FROM Philadelphia County, on the 14th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — — — —	£ 2607 15 10¾		
Bucks County, on the 14th ditto	700 0 1		
Chester County, on the 14th ditto	2,655 11 5½		
Lancaster County, on the 14th ditto	509 10 10		
York County, on the 10th ditto £ 455 14 7¼			
on the 12th ditto, reported last Year, 233 0 0			
on Non-residents Estates, reported last Year, 321 14 0½			
on the 13th 18d. Tax, 21 5 0½			
on the 14th ditto 575 14 0			
	1607 7 8¼		
Cumberland County, on the 12th ditto £ 840 16 10¼			
on the 13th ditto 788 1 6½			
on the 14th ditto 1051 5 6			
	2,680 3 10¾		
Berks County, on the 13th ditto £ 13 12 1			
on the 14th ditto 100 15 5			
	114 7 6		
The Honourable the Proprietaries —	2,348 19 8¾		
Jonas Seely, as reported last Year —	60 18 3½		
		£13,284 15 4½	

On Account of Excise, *viz.*

From the Estate of Joseph Stretch, late Collector for Philadelphia County	£	628	15	1½	
William Crispin, present ditto for ditto		196	17	3	
Sebastian Graff, ditto for Lancaster County		213	7	2	
Jacob Billmeyer, Jun. ditto for York County		96	19	10	
Thomas Beard, ditto for Cumberland County, remains unsettled.					
Jasper Scull, ditto for Berks County		47	5	5	
Jesse Jones, ditto for Northampton County		12	10	9	
					1,195 15 6½

On Account of Duties on Negro and Mulattoe Slaves,

From Thomas Coombe					17 10 6
Besides the following Debts, reported last Year, viz.					
From the Commissioners appointed by Law, for clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill,	£	22	0	7½	
The Commissioners appointed for erecting a Light-House at Cape Henlopen, &c.		413	11	7	
The Estate of Richard Pearne, deceased		1818	5	11	
Commissioners of the Indian Trade,		3056	5	3	
					4.310 3 4½
					£1,8808 4 9½

The TRUSTEES of the GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE in Account with the Province of *Pennsylvania*, viz.

On Account of Bills put into the Hands of the said Trustees, and lent out on Mortgage, Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province, as reported by the Committee, September 22, 1770,	£	4754	4	10¼	
CONTRA					Cr.
By Bills of Credit paid by Mary Norris, Administratrix to the Estate of Charles Norris, deceased, late acting Trustee of the said General Loan-Office, at sundry Times since last Settlement to the Committee of Assembly, and by them burnt according to Law,	£	4754	4	10¼	

On Account of the several Grants of the Assembly for the King's Use, and the Sum allotted by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province, as reported by the Committee, September 22, 1770,	£	4118	10	5½	
CONTRA					Cr.
By Cash paid by Mary Norris, Administratix to the Estate of Charles Norris, deceased, in Gold and Paper Currency of different Provinces, the Sum of Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Three-pence, being the unexpended Part of the £5000, appropriated by Law for defraying the Expences of Indian Treaties	£	977	16	3	

Also the Sum of One Thousand and Fifty-six Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Six pence, being the unexpended Part of the £5000, appropriated by Law for purchasing Ground, adjoining the State-House Lot, — — — —	1056	15	6		
And the Sum of Two Thousand and Eighty-three Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Eight-pence ½d. being the Residue of the Parliamentary Grants, &c. remains to be exchanged into Bills of Credit of this Province, to be burnt and sunk according to Law,	2083	18	8½		
				£ 4118	10 5½
Which Sum of Four Thousand One Hundred and Eighteen Pounds, Ten Shillings and Five-pence Half-penny, together with the £4754 4 10¼ aforesaid, is the full Balance reported last Year as outstanding in the Hands of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office.					

YOUR COMMITTEE do further report, That there still remains unsettled, the Accounts of the Monies expended on the Province Island in some Improvements made there by Order of the House, the Tradesmens Bills not being all brought in.—The Seventy-five Pounds paid by the Provincial Treasurer in the Year 1763, towards opening and finishing a Road in Passyunk Township, leading to the said Province Island, We are informed has been fully expended, but no Account rendered.

All which is submitted to the House by

JOSEPH FOX,
SAMUEL RHOADS,
Philadelphia, September 21, 1771. MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
BENJAMIN CHAPMAN,
ISAAC PEARSON."

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock *P. M.*

The Secretary delivered a verbal Message from the President and Council in the Words following, *viz.*

SIR,

'THE President and Council order me to acquaint the House, that there are several *Indians* of different Tribes now in Town, some of which are of the *Six Nations*, and appear to them to be of Consequence; and as their Visit to this Government will necessarily be attended with Expence, as well for their Support during their stay here, as for some small Presents, it may be thought necessary to make them, they request the House will take it into Consideration and enable them to do what may be requisite on the Occasion. If the House should sit To-morrow, the Minutes of the Conferences with the *Indians* will be laid before them."

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the House, and report such Matters as may be necessary to be

recommended to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

The Committee appointed to inspect the Minutes of Assembly, and report what Matters may be proper to be recommended to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly, beg Leave to report the following *to wit*,

The Petition of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, Esq; relative to the Loss of a Deed.

The Application from divers of the Inhabitants of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties for Relief on Account of their Losses under Colonel *Wilkins*.

The Complaint of *Ludowick Harple* against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace.

The Petitions of *John* and *Joseph Pawling*, *Samuel Phipps*, *Peter Rimer*, and others, concerning Title Deeds.

The Petition of the Shoemakers and Leather-Cutters.

The Petition of *Henry Mosser*.

The Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread in this Province.

The Petition for Sale of the *Perkiomen* Copper-Mine Tract of Land.

The Petitions from *Philadelphia* and *Bucks* County for imposing a Tax on useless Dogs.

The Petition of *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls, and the Order of the House for examining the State of that Office and the Register General.

The Consideration of the insecure Condition of the State-House, with the Offices adjoining, and the public Property therein.

The Consideration of the two Acts of Assembly lately repealed by his Majesty.

The Bill for Assignment of Dower, &c.

And the House having shewn great Indulgence to the late Commissioners, Assessors and Clerks of the County of *Lancaster*, in Expectation that they, sensible of their Misconduct, would have paid in the several Sums due from them to the Public, which the greater Part of them have still neglected; and it being to no Purpose at this Time for the Committee appointed, to bring in a Bill to enforce an immediate Discharge of those Debts, as there is no Governor at present in the Province to pass such Bill, the Committee are of Opinion, that this Matter be particularly recommended to the Care of

the succeeding Assembly, in Order that the Delinquents be compelled to do Justice to the Public.

The Petition from a Number of Inhabitants for keeping *Shearman's* Creek navigable.

The Petition from *Christian Wertz*, late Treasurer for the County Tax in *Lancaster* County.

The Petitions of *John Reynolds* and *Charles Hicks*, Prisoners in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, for Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

The Petition of *William Mitchell*, relative to *Isaac Sanders*, Esq; of *Lancaster* County.

The Petitions of *Henry William Stiegel* and *John Allman*, concerning the Flint-Glass Manufactory in the County of *Lancaster*.

The Report of *John Sellers* and *Benjamin Lightfoot*, Esquires, relating to the Waters of *Susquehanna* and *Schuylkill*.

The Representation of the Managers of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk, being in the Opinion of the Committee a Matter of very great Consequence to the Interest of this Province, the same is in a particular Manner recommended to the Notice of the succeeding Assembly.

The Petition of divers Owners of Marsh in *Bucks* County (called the *Pidgeon Swamp)* for draining and better improving the same.

All which Matters are submitted to the House by

GEORGE ROSS, SAMUEL RHOADS,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, JOSEPH WATSON,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN JACOBS, Jun.

The Committee of Accounts presented to the Chair a Report in Writing upon the Dividend of certain Monies raised by Lottery for the Use of different Churches in this City and Province, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

WE the Committee appointed to audit and settle the public Accounts, having had a State of the Accounts of *William Moore*, Treasurer of the Lottery of St. *Peter's* Church, &c. instituted by an Act of Assembly, passed in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, laid before us, do report that we have examined the same, together with Vouchers, and find, that the several Churches mentioned in the said Act have, agreeable to the Directions thereof, received an equal Proportion out of the nett Monies which have arisen from the said Lottery, amounting to 76 and 2/3 *per Cent* of the several Sums directed to be raised as aforesaid, including a

Balance of Six Pounds in the Hands of the Treasurer, due to the Church in *Huntington*, besides detaining in his Hands £ 13 13 9, the Balance of an Account due to *William Bradford*; —that the said Treasurer has also remaining in his Hands the Sum of £ 24 8 11½, which, with £ 179 19 7, (the Amount of a List of outstanding Debts, when recovered) are intended to make another Dividend among the several Churches. And it also appears to the Committee that the Church-Wardens and Vestrymen of St. *Peter's* Church have received an Advance of £ 62 7 4, over and above the said 76 2/3 *per Cent*, which they are to account for when the next Dividend is made;— and that in the Dividend paid to the Trustees of St. *Paul's* Church in *Philadelphia*, they the said Trustees requested, under their Hands, that the said Treasurer should retain in his Hands for them the Sum of £ 105 13 9, subject to such Draughts as they might afterwards make for the same, which last mentioned Sum is retained in his Hands accordingly.— ——All which is submitted to the House by

September 24, 1771.

MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
BENJAMIN CHAPMAN, JOSEPH FOX,
ISAAC PEARSON, SAMUEL RHOADS."

The Committee appointed to treat and agree with Mr. *David Rittenhouse* for one of his newly invented Orreries for the Use of the Public, presented to the Chair a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

The Committee appointed to agree with and purchase from Mr. *Rittenhouse* a new Orrery for the Use of the Public, beg Leave to report, that they have, in Pursuance of the Order of Assembly, agreed with Mr. *Rittenhouse* for a new Orrery at the Price of *Four Hundred Pounds*, the Sum limited by the House, to consist of one principal Square of eight Feet or more each Way, with two Wings, making in the Whole one large Front, as nearly resembling the Form of the Orrery now standing in the College of the City of *Philadelphia*, as its superior Size will admit.

JOHN MORTON, ROWLAND EVANS,
EMANUEL CARPENTER, SAMUEL RHOADS,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, ABEL JAMES,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, WILLIAM RODMAN."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 25, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The President and Council sent down, by Mr. Secretary, a Copy of the Conference held Yesterday with the *Indians* in Town, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

At a Conference *held in the Council Chamber at* Philadelphia, *on* Tuesday, *the* 24*th of* September, 1771, *with several* Indians *of different Tribes, who came to Town on* Saturday *last, from the West-Branch of* Susquehanna,

Present,
The Honourable *JAMES HAMILTON*, Esq; *President*,

JOSEPH TURNER, JAMES TILGHMAN,
WILLIAM LOGAN, ANDREW ALLEN,
RICHARD PETERS, EDWARD SHIPPEN, Jun. } Esqrs.

Indians Present,
CHEAHOGA, a *Cayuga* Chief,
SHAWANA BEN,
NEWOALEKA, } Chiefs of the *Delawares*,
JACOB ASQUASH, a *Nanticoke* Interpreter,

And 24 other *Indians*, viz. *Cayugas Tuscaroras Shawanese, Delawares, Mohickons, Nanticokes* and *Canoys.*

The *Indians* being seated, the *Cayuga* Chief rose up, and spoke as follows, *viz.*

Brothers,

I Thank God, who has brought us safe here to meet our Brothers in Council, whom I am very glad to see.

Brothers,

When I was at Home with my Nation, we were thinking with ourselves about our Brethren at *Philadelphia.*——We remembered that there was an old Road between us and them in the very Beginning of Times, and as we wanted to say something to our Brethren at *Philadelphia*, and that we should travel in the same Road that our Ancestors had opened as a Communication between them and us: Upon this I sat out with some of our People, and found the old Road that has been used from the Beginning, and travelled safe in it to this City; and we are glad to find the old Council-Fire, which was kindled by our Fathers, is still burning bright and clear as it used to be, and that we see our Brethren.—We give you this String, to clear your Eyes that you may see us in Council; ——we open your Throats and clean your Hearts, that there may be no Foulness in you;——we also unstop your Ears,

that you may the better hear what we have to say to you, and we likewise cleanse the Council-Chamber, that we may sit happily together without any Thing to offend us.

A String of three Rows.

Brothers,

"Please to hearken to us—Having now cleared your Eyes, cleansed your Hearts, opened your Ears, and swept the Council-Chamber, I shall proceed to tell you our Business."

Brothers,

"As we have already mentioned, there was at the Beginning a great Council-Fire kindled in the City, and it always burnt clear and bright. Of late there was another Fire kindled between our Nations and our Brethren the *English* at Sir *William Johnson's*, and there we have of late gone, and by this Means the old Road to this Council-Fire was grown up and difficult to be found, but we have found it and travelled through it, and are come once more to the old Council-Fire at *Philadelphia*."

Brothers,

"Our Fathers and your Fathers were in close Friendship, they held fast the Covenant-Chain, and strengthened it,—one held it fast at one End and the other at the other, but there are always some bad People who want to break the Chain, but they never have been able to do it; both you and we have held it fast.—We desire to put you in Mind that your Fathers were kind to the *Indians*, and ready to assist them, and we hope that you are of the same Disposition that they were."

A String of four Rows.

"Brethren,

"When we were at Home we were looking towards *Wyoming*, and observed that the People of *New-England* were come to live there,——now we want to know what Reason these *New-Englandmen* have for doing this, since we never gave that Land to them?——Being asked what they meant by this? they answered that the *New-Englandmen* tell some of the *Indians* that they, the *Indians*, gave them the Land at *Wyoming*; but we the *Indians* say, that we never did give them this Land;—we who are here of several different Nations, namely the *Six Nations*, *Shawanese*, *Delawares*, *Mohickons*, *Nanticokcs* and *Conoys*, we all declare that the *Indians* never did give this Land to the *New-England* People, but we gave

it to the Proprietor *Onas*, and to no other Person, and we not only gave *Wyoming* to him, but a great Space of Land round about it, except the Places where the *Indians* live."

A String of three black and white Rows.

"*Brethren*,

"We have now fully told you all the Business of our coming here to this Council-Fire at *Philadelphia*; we came down all the Way from the *Mingo* Country on Purpose to acquaint you with what you have now heard from us."

"And now, Brothers, hearken to what my Brother *Shawana Ben*, here present, who lives upon the *Great Island*, desires to tell you."

SHAWANA BEN then spoke as follows:

"*Brothers*,

"WE were informed by Sir *William Johnson*, that whenever we were tired of living on the Land we were settled on, and had an Inclination to leave it, we might be permitted to do so, and dispose of it. Now, Brothers, we tell you that we have an Inclination to remove from the Place where we live, the *Great Island*, and desire to dispose of it."

A String of four black and white Rows.

The *Cayuga* Chief then spoke as follows:

"*Brethren*,

"I AM now grown old, and have been employed as a Messenger, and am become stiff with travelling, and I desire you will help me, and give me a Horse, that I may not be obliged to walk when I go home. I must also inform you, Brethren, that our Hatchets and Guns are out of Order, and we request you will get them put in Repair."

One of the *Indians* present, called *Cawandaghsaw*, then acquainted the President and Council, that he was a *Cocknawawga*, and was just arrived from *Charles-Town*, in *South-Carolina*, and delivered a Letter from Governor *Bull* to the President, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

"SIR, *Charles-Town, September* 6, 1771.

"An *Indian* of the *Oneida* Nation, named *Da-ya-gough-de-re-sesh*, called by the *English Thomas King*, who had employed by Sir *William Johnson* to negotiate and confirm Peace between the *Six Nations* and various Tribes on the *Ohio* and

our Southern Nations after finishing his important Business, arrived here about twelve Days ago, and desired to return by Sea to Sir *William Johnson*, and expressed a strong Inclination to see the great City of *Philadelphia*.—I accordingly provided a Passage for him and his Retinue in Captain *Blewer*, and Cloathing and some Presents for himself and his Companions; but he was taken ill of a Fever, and unfortunately died last Night. He was to have been accompanied by two *Catawbas* to confirm the Peace in Presence of Sir *William Johnson*, but his Death put an End to their Voyage with him. I have sent the Cloaths I had provided for him by his Companion, to be given by Sir *William Johnson*, (to whom I write by them) to dry up the Tears of his Relations.

I recommend them, the Bearers hereof, to your Protection and Assistance on their Way to Sir *William Johnson*. Your Knowledge of the Genius of *Indians* and of the Fidelity of this Tribe to the *English*, and your own Humanity, leave me no Room to add any Arguments in their Favour. I have the Honour to be with great Regard, SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

To the Honourable Lieutenant Governor Hamilton, *Commander in Chief of the Province of* Pennsylvania. } W. BULL."

The same *Indian* then informed the Council that he had a great Quantity of *Wampum*, which was given by the Southern *Indian* Nations at their several Treaties with *Thomas King*, and that he would shew the *Wampum* to the Council, if they chose to see it, and accordingly he shewed twenty Belts, and a large Number of Strings of Wampum.

While the Council was sitting, a *Shawanese Indian*, named *Shawana John*, came into the Chamber, and presented a Petition to the President, setting forth, that he had been at Sir *William Johnson's*, and was sent by him on Business to the Governor of *Boston*; and that as he was a-coming here, in passing through *Hartford* and *New-Haven*, some Gentlemen there gave him Letters for the Governor of this Province; that these Letters and his Passport and Nine Dollars were taken from him while he was asleep at an Inn in *Brunswick*, in *New-Jersey*, and he desired that this Loss might be made good to him.

The House taking into Consideration the Account of *Josiah Franklin Davenport* for the Redemption of *Indian* Captives, are of Opinion, that the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* ought

to be allowed and paid him out of the Monies granted by Law for defraying the Expences of *Indian* Treaties, in full of the Balance of his Account and Services done on that Occasion.

Upon Consideration of the Report of *John Sellers* and *Benjamin Lightfoot*, Esqrs. and the Request of the latter to be excused further Service,

Resolved, That *William Henry*, of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed in the Place of the said *Lightfoot*, to join with and assist the remaining Commissioners in performing the Duties required of them in the former Appointment.

The House taking into Consideration the Governor's verbal Message of Yesterday, respecting the *Indians* now in Town, recommended to the Commissioners for defraying the Expences of *Indian* Treaties, to discharge the Cost of their Stay in the City, and to allow them such small Presents as shall appear to them discreet and proper.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Seventy-five Pounds per Annum* for four Years, terminating the Twenty-first of *October* next, be allowed to Doctor *Samuel Preston Moore*, for his Services under the Trustees of the General Loan-Office, in receiving the Monies due on Mortgages, and paying the same over to the Committee of Accounts, and for his Care of the Interest-Money arising thereon.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts do pay to the Provincial Treasurer, to be disposed of according to Law, the several Sums of *Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Three-pence*, *One Thousand and Fifty-six Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six-pence*, and *Two Thousand Eighty-three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight-pence*, by them reported to be received of *Mary Norris*, Administratrix of *Charles Norris*, deceased, late acting Trustee of the General Loan-Office, in full of the Balance due from the said Administratrix to the Public, and take the said Treasurer's Receipt for the same.

The Committee for incidental Expences presented a written Report thereon to the Chair, which being examined, and the Accounts therein referred to allowed by the House, Mr. Speaker in the Chair signed the several Orders for Payment of the Wages of the Members and their Committees, together with the Salaries of public Officers, and other contingent Charges of the past Year; a List whereof is hereunto annexed.

The House then adjourned to the *Thirtieth* Instant.

INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1771.

TO the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; Lieutenant Governor, as voted by the House, the Ninth Day of *March* last, — — — — — —	£600	0	0
To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent for this Province in *London*, his Salary for the present Year, £500 Sterling.			
To *William Allen*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Province, — — — — — — — — — — — —	200	0	0
To *John Lawrence*, Esq; one of the Assistant Judges, — — — — — — — — — — — —	100	0	0
To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; Ditto, — — — — —	100	0	0
To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for Extra Services to the House, — — — — — — — — — —	60	0	0
To *Andrew Allen*, Esq; Attorney General, — —	75	0	0
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts 25 Days, at 10s. *per Diem*, — — — — — — — — — — — —	12	10	0
To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; for ditto—26 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — —	13	0	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for ditto—26 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — —	13	0	0
To *Abel James*, Esq; for ditto—10 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — —	5	0	0
To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for ditto—25 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — —	12	10	0
To *Benjamin Chapman*, Esq; for ditto—6 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — —	3	0	0
To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of Assembly, and for transcribing and engrossing Laws, Votes, Messages, *&c. &c.* —	224	5	6
To *Joseph Shippen*, Esq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, — — — — — — — — —	15	0	0
To ditto, for his Account of Postage of public Letters, *&c.* — — — — — — — — — —	6	1	1
To ditto, for his Account of Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations and Stationary, for the Governor and Council, — — — — — —	20	3	6
To *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the State-House Clock, *&c.* — — — — — — — — —	20	7	6
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; his Salary as Barrack-Master, — — — — — — — — — — — —	60	0	0
To Mr. *David Rittenhouse*, a Gratuity upon his lately invented Orrery, — — — — — — —	300	0	0

To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c.* as per Account, — — —	101	15	0
To *David Hall*, in full of his Account of Stationary for the House, — — — — — — — —	5	12	1½
To *Edmund Physick*, Esq; for affixing the Great Seal to the Laws, *&c. &c.* — — — —	18	6	0
To *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls, as per Account, — — — — — — — — — — —	20	19	0
To *William Sheed*, Serjeant at Arms, for his Services to the House, — — — — — — — —	10	0	0
To *Andrew M'Nair*, for his Attendance as Doorkeeper to the House, *&c.* — — — — —	19	18	0
To ditto, for his Account of *Indian* Expences,	11	17	0
To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; on Account of Wood for the State-House, for the ensuing Year, —	27	10	0
To *Henry Miller*, for printing Votes, Advertisements, *&c.* as *per* Account, — — — — — —	53	5	0
To *Josiah Davenport*, for the Balance of his Account of Services to the Province, — — —	100	0	0
To *William Sheed*, as Doorkeeper to the Council, — — — — — — — — — — — —	7	12	6
For apprehending *William Speedy*, an Accomplice of *Lazarus Stewart*, — — — — — —	50	0	0
To Amount of Members Attendance, as per List,	653	4	6
	£2919	16	8½

WE the Committee for incidental Expences have examined the several Accounts herein referred to, and find them charged as above.

THOMAS LIVEZEY,
JOSEPH WATSON,
Philadelphia, September 25, 1771. JOHN FOULKE,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
GEORGE ROSS,
JOHN MONTGOMERY."

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1771, *P. M.*

BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the several Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to serve in Assembly as Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, for the ensuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*
Michael Hillegas,
Henry Pawling,
Joseph Parker,
Israel Jacobs,
Joseph Fox,
Samuel Rhoads,
Thomas Livezey,
Rowland Evans.

For the City of *Philadelphia.*
Samuel Shoemaker,
Abel James.

For the County of *Bucks.*
Joseph Galloway,
John Brown,
William Rodman,
John Foulke,
Henry Krewsen,

For the County of *Bucks.*
Joseph Watson,
Benjamin Chapman,
Peter Shepherd.

For the County of *Chester.*
John Morton,
Charles Humphreys,
Isaac Pearson,
John Jacobs,
John Sellers,
John Minshall,
George Ashbridge,
John Crosby.

For the County of *Lancaster.*
Emanuel Carpenter,
George Ross,
Joseph Ferree,
William Downing,

For the County of *York.*
Michael Swoope,
James Ewing.

For the County of *Cumberland.*
William Allen,
John Montgomery.

For the County of *Berks.*
Edward Biddle,
Henry Christ.

For the County of *Northampton.*
William Edmunds.

For the County of *Bedford*
William Thompson.

A Quorum of the Representatives being met, they proceeded, according to the Charter and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Joseph Galloway*, Esquire, was unanimously chosen Speaker for the ensuing Year, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 15, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Qualification appointed by Law to be taken by Members of Assembly, and the Test of Abjuration being prepared, were then taken and subscribed first by the Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards at the Table by the Members present in their Order.

The House then proceeded, as usual, to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Charles Moore*, be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk to this House for the ensuing Year. And he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby

appointed Serjeant at Arms to this House for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Doorkeeper to this House for the ensuing Year.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Browne*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the President and Council, and acquaint them that the House of Representatives of this Province met Yesterday, according to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of this Province, and proceeded to chuse *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; Speaker, and this Day have taken the Qualification enjoined by Law; and as the Powers of Government, by the Absence of our late Governor, are devolved on the President and Council, this Message is sent to acquaint them that if they have any Thing to lay before the House, which may contribute to the Peace and Prosperity of the Province, and wherein their Concurrence may be necessary, the House are ready to receive the same.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent for this Province, dated *London, July* the 29th, 1771, relative to public Affairs, which was read by Order.

The House adjourned to Four O'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to wait on the President and Council, reported they had delivered their Message to the President, who was pleased to say he would lay it before the Council, and in Case any Business occured, it should be communicated to the House by a Message.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Owen Jones*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Province for the ensuing Year.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson*, with the Speaker, be a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee of Aggrievances for the ensuing Year.

Ordered, that Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office and other public Accounts for the ensuing Year, and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers and Records by

the Sergeant at Arms to this House, in order that the said Accounts be fully adjusted and made ready to be laid before the House on the first Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

Resolved, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, and Mr. *Allen* with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise and correct the Minutes of the House before they are printed.

Resolved, That the said Minutes of the Proceedings of this House be printed with all convenient Dispatch, being first revised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

Resolved, that *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province for the ensuing Year, to solicit and transact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*.

Resolved, That *Joseph Fox*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *William Bowsman*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the said Borough for the ensuing Year.

Petitions from *Peter Robeson* and *James Stevenson*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed to the Office of Collector of Excise in the County of *Philadelphia*.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Resolved, Upon the Question,

That *William Crispin*, the present Officer, be, and he is hereby appointed the Collector of Excise in the County of *Philadelphia* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, that *John Woolston* be, and he is hereby appointed the Collector of Excise in the County of *Bucks* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Charles Humphreys*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Chester* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Sebastian Graaff* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Lancaster* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Jacob Billmeyer* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *York* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Thomas Baird* be, and he is hereby ap-

pointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Cumberland* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Jasper Scull* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Berks* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Jesse Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Northampton* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Thomas Urie* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Bedford* for the ensuing Year.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Correspondence do prepare and bring in a Draught of a Letter of Instructions to the Agent of this Province in *London*, for the Consideration of the House.

The House taking into Consideration that a new Edition of all the Laws, and Part of the Votes and Proceedings of the Assemblies of this Province from the Year 1744, to the present Time, is much wanted, and must prove very useful to the Public,

Ordered, That Mr. *John Ross*, Mr. *Rhoads*, and Mr. *Pearson*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise the said Laws and Votes, to superintend and direct the Re-printing thereof, and to form a compleat Index of the said Laws.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 16, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *James* and Mr. *Shepherd*, this Day appearing in the House, were qualified, as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

The Committee of Correspondence, pursuant to the Order of last Night, presented to the Chair a Draught of a Letter to the Agent for this Province in *London*, which being read, and, after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

Upon Motion,

The Rules for better regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members, were read by Order, and agreed to be observed by the House.

Resolved, That Mr. *Hillegas* be, and he is hereby appointed to collect and receive the Fines arising upon a Breach of the said Rules, for the Use of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital.

Mr. *Fox*, one of the Committee of Accounts, produced a Re-

ceipt for the Sum of *Four Thousand One Hundred* and *Eighteen Pounds Ten Shillings* and *Six-pence*, by which it appears that he has paid that Sum into the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, agreeable to the Order of the last Assembly.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *James* be added to the Committee of Accounts and Correspondence, and Mr. *Shoemaker* to the Committee of Accounts, for the ensuing Year.

The Letter to the Agent being transcribed according to Order, was again read, and is as follows, *viz.*

SIR, *Philadelphia, October* 16, 1771.

BY Order of the House, we inclose their Resolves appointing us their Committee of Correspondence, and you their Agent to transact the Affairs of this Province in *Great-Britain* for the ensuing Year.

The House have nothing to add to the Instructions sent by former Assemblies, except that, as they observe from your Letter to the Speaker of the Twenty-ninth of *July*, that there is a Disposition in Government, to promote at the next Session of Parliament such Measures as may tend to conciliate the unhappy Differences subsisting between the Mother Country and her Colonies, they desire that you will be attentive and exert your utmost Endeavours in Opposition to whatever may affect the Liberties of *America* and the Rights of this Province, particularly to any Plan that may be proposed for an *American* Representation in Parliament. We are, with great Esteem,

Your assured Friends,

ABEL JAMES, JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*,
WILLIAM RODMAN, JOSEPH FOX,
ISAAC PEARSON, SAMUEL RHOADS,
THOMAS LIVEZEY."

To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent in *London*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 17, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and having Information of the Arrival in Town of the Honorable *Richard Penn*, Esq; with the Commission of Lieutenant Governor of this Province, and that the said Commission was Yesterday published in the usual Form,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr.

Pearson, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to the Governor upon his Arrival and Appointment to this Government.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to his Honour, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read and agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that, agreeable to the Charter and Laws of the Province, the House of Representatives met on the Fourteenth Instant, made Choice of *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for their Speaker, and had taken the usual Qualifications, and now request to know when it may be agreeable to his Honour that the House should wait on him, to claim their accustomed Privileges, and present an Address upon his Accession to the Government.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 18, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would be in the Council-Chamber at Twelve o'Clock To-day, to receive the House with their Speaker.

The Address of the House to the Governor being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the HONOURABLE *RICHARD PENN, Esq*; *Lieutenant Governor of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *and Counties of* New-Castle, Kent *and* Sussex *upon* Delaware.

The *ADDRESS* of the ASSEMBLY.

May it please your HONOUR,

THE Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in General Assembly met, sincerely congratulate your Honour on your safe Arrival and Accession to this Government.

The Appointment of a Gentleman who has resided several

Years among us, and acquired a Knowledge of the Circumstances of the Province, is extremely agreeable to us, and induces to hope, that while he pays a due Regard to the Prerogatives of our most gracious Sovereign, the just Rights of his Subjects, and a faithful Execution of the Laws, those essential Supports to the Honour and Dignity of Government, cannot fail to become Objects of his Care and Attention, and the People we represent to be made happy under his Administration.

Permit us to assure your Honour, that, on our Part, Nothing shall be wanting to support you in the Exercise of the just Rights of Government, and to render your Residence among us easy and happy.

Signed by Order of the House,

October 18, 1771. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Resolved, Upon the Question,

That the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of this Province, *&c.* towards his Support for the current Year: And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn by Order at the Table, the same was signed by the Speaker, in order to be presented to his Honour when the House shall wait on him with their Address.

A Message by Mr. SECRETARY.

SIR,

The Governor attends his Appointment in the Council-Chamber, to receive the House with their Speaker.

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair and reported they had waited on his Honour and presented their Address of Congratulation on his Arrival and Appointment to the Governnment, to which he had been pleased to return the following Answer, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'I Heartily thank you for your kind Congratulations on my Arrival and Appointment to the Government.

'My former Residence among you, at the same Time that it afforded me some Insight into the Circumstances of the Province, could not fail to add considerably to my Regard for it. And as I shall on all Occasions study to protect the People committed to my Charge in the full Enjoyment of all their just Rights and Privileges, as well as to support the

Prerogatives of the Crown, I flatter myself that your kind Expectations in my Favour will be in some Measure answered, and that my Administration may be easy to myself and happy to the Public."

The Speaker also reported, that he had, in the Name and on Behalf of the House, claimed their accustomed Privileges, as follow:

First, That the Members of the House, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propositions and Debates.

Secondly, That they may at all seasonable Times have Access to the Governor, the better to enable them to discharge the Business of the Public.

Thirdly, That their Persons and Estates may be free from all Arrests, Molestations and Injuries during the Time of accustomed Privilege.

Fourthly, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the House, until the same shall be passed into a Resolve, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

Fifthly, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be excused, and not imputed to the House, but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania* in Assembly met, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charters of the said Province; and that the Governor was pleased to say, they were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, in which they might always rely on his Protection.

And that he the (Speaker) had also presented to his Honour the certificate for *Six Hundred Pounds*, who was pleased to say he was much obliged to the House for the same.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Ashbridge* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Support of the Province Light-House at *Cape Henlopen*.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, with some Affidavits therein referred to, which were read by Order, and the said Message follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'I Am sorry to be under a Necessity at my first Arrival among you, to apply for your Assistance in a very disagreeable Affair, which I understand has given great Trouble to the Government.

'It is a matter of public Notoriety that those daring Offenders *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices, with a Number of Adherents, have in the most hostile and warlike Manner expelled our People from their Settlements at *Wyoming*, where these Intruders remain in Defiance of the Powers of Government, which have hitherto proved ineffectual to restrain their daring and insolent Behaviour.

'Your own Reflections, Gentlemen, will point out to you the fatal Consequences of suffering these lawless People to remain quiet in a Possession which they have obtained as it were by open War.

'It is more than probable that, encouraged by their late Success, they may extend their Possessions to other Parts of the Province, and put our Frontier into a State of Disorder and Confusion.

'When you come seriously to attend to the many Mischiefs with which this important Affair is pregnant, I cannot doubt but you will readily give me your Assistance in speedily suppressing these Disorders, and bringing to condign Punishment a Set of People who have, in the most audacious Manner, put the Government and its Laws at Defiance; and as one Mean proper for the Accomplishment of so desirable an End, and of preventing Disorders of the same Kind, I would remind you of reviving the late Riot-Act.

'I am informed, Gentlemen, that some Provisions will be wanted for subsisting his Majesty's Troops now in the Barracks of this Province, which I likewise recommend to your Consideration.

October 18, 1771. *RICHARD PENN.*"

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Support of the Light-House at the Mouth of the Bay of *Delaware*, &c. reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading in the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to Three O'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Light-House at the Mouth of*

the Bay of Delaware, *&c.*" which being, by special Order, read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Governor's Message of this Morning being again read,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, *&c.*

The Committee brought in a Draught of the said Bill immediately, and the same being read the first time, was, by special Order, again read, and ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten O'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 19, 1771.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Light-House erected at the Mouth of the Bay of* Delaware, *&c*, and, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies*, &c." being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Rhoads* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and acquaint him that the House are inclined to adjourn this Afternoon for the first *Monday* in *January* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto.

The Governor, by the Secretary, sent down a Letter from the Honourable *Jonathan Trumbull*, Esq; Governor of the Colony of *Connecticut*, dated at *New-Haven*, the Fourteenth of *October* instant, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour of your Favour of the Fourth Instant, and am extremely sorry to find that the Peace of his Majesty's Subjects has been disturbed in the Manner you represent.

The Persons concerned in these Transactions have no Order and Direction from me, or from the General Assembly of this Colony for their Proceedings upon this Occasion, and I am very confident that the Assembly, Friends as they have ever been to Peace and good Order, will never countenance any violent, much less hostile Measures in vindicating the

Right which the *Susquehanna* Company may suppose they have to the Lands in that Part of the Country within the Limits of the Charter to this Colony.

You will see by the Representation from the Committee of the *Susquehanna* Company which I had the Honour to transmit to Governor *Penn*, that the Claimants under that Company (who no doubt are the People concerned in the late Transactions) complain that they were first attacked and ill treated by the People of your Province, when they meant only a peaceable Possession of the Lands they claim a Title to, and wished to vindicate that Title in due Course of Law. Your People, on the other Hand, insist, it seems, that the *Susquehanna* Claimants have been the Aggressors. Which have been most in Fault it is not my Part to determine. I can only assure you, that it is with the deepest Concern I see this Controversy conducted in so violent a Manner, and that I wish to contribute all in my Power to preserve Peace and good Order. I am, with the greatest Esteem,

To the Honourable James Hamilton, *Esq; President of the Council.* } *Your most obedient humble Servant,* JONATHAN TRUMBULL."

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills and the Message from the House this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into Consideration, and had no Objection to the proposed Adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned to Two O'Clock, *P. M.*

A Message *by Mr. Secretary.*

S I R,

"The Governor returns the Bills for the Support of the Light-house, and preventing Riots, &c. to which he gives his Assent, and is now in the Council-Chamber ready to enact the same into Laws."

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole House, waited on his Honour, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor and presented two Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Light-house erected at the Mouth of the Bay of* Delaware, *and the Buoys placed in the said Bay and the River* Delaware, *and for the Payment of the Monies borrowed for erecting the said Light-house and placing the said Buoys,*" and, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous*

Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters," to which the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that, agreeable to the Order of the House, he had acquainted the Governor, that the House, being desirous to make Provisions for his Majesty's Troops in the Barracks of this City, do, with his Honour's Concurrence, agree, that such Orders as the Barrack-Master shall find necessary to draw for that Purpose, be paid out of the *Indian* Fund in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, to be repaid when Money shall be raised for defraying the Public Debts, and that his Honour had agreed to the Mode proposed by the House.

An Account from *Judah Foulkes*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, for Expences in apprehending out of his Province, *Spotts* and *Wittman* charged with an Highway Robbery, was presented to the House, and being considered, the Sum of £23 15 9, Part of the said Account, was allowed, and a Certificate for the same drawn at the Table, and signed by the Speaker, to be delivered to the Sheriff by the Hands of Mr. *Fox*.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the Sixth of *January* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 6, 1772.

MR. Speaker and Twenty-three Members met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 7, 1772.

A Quorum met.

Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Ross*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Ewing* wait upon the Governor and acquaint him, that the House being met, are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

Petitions from *Charles Hicks* and *David Treadwell*, Prisoners in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, and *William Bennet* and *Felix McCowan*, in the Gaol of the County of *York*, for Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, were presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same

according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Business at present to lay before them, but was ready to co-operate with the House in any matters which may tend to the Good of the Government: and if any Business should occur, during their Sitting, he would communicate it by Message.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, by the Charter of said Borough, it is granted and ordained, that the Streets thereof shall forever continue as they were laid out and regulated at the Time of granting the said Charter, and the Burgesses of the said Borough for the Time being are thereby authorized to remove all Nuisances and Incroachments on the said Streets and Highways within the Borough aforesaid as they should see Occasion;—that the Owners of the Land, whereon the said Borough is erected, have laid out many Streets, Lanes and Alleys for the Accomodation of its Inhabitants, which are not mentioned or laid down in the Plan of the said Borough annexed to the said Charter; and as the said Streets, Lanes and Alleys are not laid out and confirmned by any legal Authority, ill-disposed Persons have frequently encroached upon them and committed Nuisances therein, to the great Annoyance of the Inhabitants; and by a constant Accumulation of Dirt from Cellars, and Rubbish and Filth from the Houses, the Streets and Alleys are in many Places rendered in moist Weather almost impassable;—that many Controversies have been and frequently happen in Relation to Party-Walls and laying the Foundations of Buildings within the said Borough, and are likely to be more frequent with the Increase of its Inhabitants and Buildings;—that there is a Variety of other Nuisances or Annoyances in and near the said Borough, and although, by the Charter, the Burgesses, High-Constable and Assistants are impowered to assemble Town-Meetings, and make Ordinances and Rules for the better Government of the said Borough, and many Inconveniencies which particularly interfere with the good Order and Well-being of the said Borough, might be remedied and prevented by such Ordinances, yet as the Consent of the greatest part of the Inhabitants is required to the making such Ordinances, and it is found inconvient and even impracticable to collect the Voices of a Majority of the Inhabitants without attending at their Houses for that Purpose, they are submitted to, and will doubtless increase to the great Injury of the People:—The Petitioners therefore pray the Honour-

able House will take the premises into Consideration, and permit them to bring in a Bill for the better establishing Regularity, Order and good Government in the said Borough.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Allman*, Glass Manufacturer, was presented to the House and read, praying Assistance in erecting Works for the making of various Kinds of Glass Ware.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Clerk's Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for enabling the Judges of the Supreme Court to issue Commissions to examine Witnesses in foreign Parts, and for perpetuating Testimony*," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to examine the Laws of this Province, and report such as are near expiring, together with the several Matters referred by the late Assembly to the Consideration of this House.

A Petition from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they conceive, as they are by Law restrained from electing and sending more than one Representative to the General Assembly of this Province, they enjoy a very partial and inadequate Share of Representation;—that although in the Infancy of the County one Representative might have been deemed sufficient, yet since that Period it has vastly increased in Wealth and Number of People, and that in a far greater Proportion than the interior Counties, owing to their having a wide extended Frontier, which has been and is yet daily receiving a great Increase of Inhabitants;—that the Petitioners conceive the Basis, on which the Principles of Representation are founded, is the Wealth and Number of Inhabitants, and by drawing a Comparison in these Respects between the County of *Northampton* and the other Counties of the Province, there appears in Point of Representation a striking Deficiency on the Part of the former;—and moreover by the Distance from the Seat of Government, by Sickness, or other unavoidable Accident, the Person deputed by them to this great Trust, is frequently prevented from giving his Attendance, whereby the Petitioners remain unrepresented, and are subjected to the Inconvience of having none to take particular Care of their Rights, or give just Accounts of the State of their County;—that the Petitioners beg Leave further to declare, that the Privilege of being prop-

erly and equally represented in the Legislative Body of this Province, is in their Estimation the most sacred and valuable Right they can enjoy as Members of a free Constitution;—that from these Considerations the Petitioners, relying on the Justice of the Honorable House, pray, that a Bill may be passed to grant another Representative, and thereby in some Measure put the Petitioners, on an equal Footing with the Inhabitans of the the other Counties.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented at the Clerk's Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Frauds and Perjuries,*" which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from *James Davis*, Taylor of the City of *Philalelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for dissolving his Marriage with a certain *Franey Wison.* *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 8, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the late Assembly, and report from thence the several Matters referred to the Consideration of this House, reported the same in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that the late House of Assembly recommended over to the present Assembly the following Matters for their Consideration, *to wit,*

The Petition of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, Esq; relative to the Loss of a Title-Deed.

The Application of divers Inhabitants of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties, for Relief on Account of their Losses under Colonel *Wilkins.*

The Complaint of *Ludowick Harple* against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace.

The Petitions of *John* and *Joseph Pawling*, *Samuel Phipps*, *Peter Rimer*, and others, concerning Title-Deeds.

The Petition of the Shoemakers and Leather Cutters.

The Petition of *Henry Mosser.*

The Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread in this Province.

The Petition for Sale of the *Perkiomen* Copper-Mine Tract of Land.

The Petitions from *Philadelphia* and *Bucks* County for an Act of Assembly imposing a Tax on Dogs.

The Petition from *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls, and the Order of the House for examining the State of that Office and the Register Generals.

The Consideration of the insecure Condition of the *State-House* with the Offices adjoining, and the public Property therein.

The Consideration of the Landlords and Tenants Law, lately repealed by his Majesty.

The Bill for Assignment of Dower, *&c.*

And in a particular Manner the late House recommended the Consideration of a Bill to compel the delinquent Commissioners, Assessors and Clerks of the County of *Lancaster* to pay the Balances due from them to the Public.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants for keeping *Shearman's* Creek navigable.

The Petition of *Christian Wertz*, late Treasurer for the *Lancaster* County Tax.

The Petitions of *John Reynolds* and *Charles Hicks*, Debtors in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, for Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

The Petition of *William Mitchell*, relative to *Isaac Sanders*, Esq; of the County of *Lancaster*.

The Report of *John Sellers* and *Benjamin Lightfoot*, Esqrs. respecting the Waters of *Susquehanna* and *Schuylkill*.

The Petitions of *Henry William Stiegel* and *John Allman*, concerning the Flint-Glass Manufactory in the County of *Lancaster*.

The Representation from the Managers of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk in this Province, is particularly recommended to the Consideration of this Assembly, as an Object of public Concern.

The Petition of divers Owners of Marsh, in *Bucks* County, (called the *Pidgeon Swamp)* for draining and improving the Same.

And in respect to such of the Laws of this Province as have lately expired by their own Limitation, or are near expiring, your Committee further report,

That the "*Act for the more easy Recovery of Legacies*," was passed the Twentieth of *September*, 1765, limited to Seven Years, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Assembly.

That the "*Act to continue the Act, entituled, An Act for the Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public*

Roads and Highways within this Province," will expire at the End of the present Sitting of Assembly.

Submitted to the House by

ISAAC PEARSON, ROWLAND EVANS,
GEORGE ROSS, ABEL JAMES,
EDWARD BIDDLE, WILLIAM RODMAN.

The House took into Consideration the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland*, for Relief on Account of their Losses under Colonel *Wilkins* in his March to Fort *Pitt*, and after some Debate thereon, a Message being wrote at the Table and agreed to, the same was transcribed, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your Honour,

IN *September*, 1770, the then House of Assembly presented to the Honourable *John Penn*, late Governor, a Remonstrance relative to certain Grievances suffered and Demands made by the People of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties, for the Payment of Carriages employed by Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins* in his March to Fort *Pitt*, with the necessary Affidavits and Papers to support them, requesting that he would represent them to his Excellency General *Gage*. The Remonstrance and Papers being transmitted accordingly, his Honour in *February*, 1771, communicated to the House a Letter from his Excellency, assuring him that "the Papers transmitted should be laid before the proper Officers for Examination with as little Delay as possible, and that he would do all that depended on him to redress the Grievances complained of." Neither the late or present House having heard any Thing further on this Subject, and the Sufferers remaining unredressed, we request your Honour would obtain Information from his Excellency of what has been further done relative to this Affair.

Signed by Order of the House,

January 8, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Ferree* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Message, and deliver the same.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That this House will receive no Petitions for private Bills after the First Day of *February* next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Grievances do sit as often during the present Session of Assembly as there may be Occasion, to hear the Complaints of Persons who conceive themselves aggrieved by any public Officer of the Province, in tak-

ing exorbitant Fees for Services done in Discharge of his Office, or any other public Grievance.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolve and Order be published in the next Week's News-Paper, with the Names of the Committee of Grievances.

Ordered, That the Complaint of *Ludowick Harple* be, and the same is hereby referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross* be added to the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring a Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to examine the State of the Register Generals and Rolls Office in the City of *Philadelphia*, and report thereon to the House.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, with a Paper containing the present State of the Barracks and Furniture thereof, now in Possession of the Twenty-first Regiment of his Majesty's *North British* Fuzileers, which were read by Order, and the said Message follows in these Words, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'HAVING received from Captain *Sutherland* a Report of the present State of the Barracks, with an Account of many Articles said to be wanting for the Accommodation of the Officers and Soldiers quartered there; at his Request I have ordered the Secretary to lay the same before you for your Consideration, with an Assurance that I shall be ready to join you in any Thing you may judge proper, or that can reasonably be expected to be done on this Occasion.

January 8, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message from the House in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Message into immediate Consideration.

A Petition from *George Kehmle*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Barber, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that *Elizabeth* his Wife, late *Elizabeth Miller*, in *April* Term last, was in due Form of Law convicted of Adultery with a certain *John Clark*, and praying for a Law to dissolve his Marriage with the said *Elizabeth*.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House took into Consideration the Petitions from the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Bucks* for laying a Tax upon Dogs, and after some Debate thereon, the Question being called for, and the Members dividing equally, the casting Vote was given by the Speaker in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Chapman* be a Committee to bring in a Bill for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of *Philadelphia* and the County of *Bucks*.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'UPON Enquiry I do not find that either the late Governor, or the President and Council after his leaving the Province, have received from General *Gage* any further Information than what has already been communicated respecting his Proceeding upon the Application made to him in Behalf of the People of *Cumberland* and *Lancaster* Counties, on Account of their Demands for Carriages employed by Colonel *Wilkins* on his March to Fort *Pitt*; I will therefore, agreeable to your Request, immediately write to his Excellency upon the Subject, and when favoured with his Answer make the House acquainted with it.

January 8, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 9, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Watson*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Representation from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that a Number of the Inhabitants of *Nova Scotia*, commonly called the *French Neutrals*, who were sent into this Province in or about the Year 1756, are through Age, Sickness and Infirmity rendered incapable of providing for themselves, especially in this severe Season;——that the Overseers, on Application, have visited them, and from Time to Time afforded such Relief as their several Necessities required, fully relying on being reimbursed by Order of the Honourable House, as hath heretofore been done;——that the Overseers esteem it their indispensable Duty to represent these Matters to the House for their Consideration, and humbly hope they will grant such Relief as to them in their Wisdom shall appear necessary. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the several Matters recommended by the late Assembly to the Notice of this House, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the Advancement of Justice.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Persons distraining the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Assignment of Dower.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money due to the Public from certain Persons, late Commissioners, Assessors and Clerks in the County of *Lancaster*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 10, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Thompson*, Members of the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Bedford*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

A Petition from *William Faries*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from a Number of the *Presbyterian* Congregation of *New-Town*, in the County of *Bucks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said Congregation in the Year 1761, was permitted to raise the Sum of *Four Hundred* and *Five Pounds* by Way of Lottery, for repairing their Church, and to build or repair a Parsonage House, pursuant whereto the Lottery was drawn the Winter following, and a great Part of the Money arising therefrom is yet unpaid;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House would be pleased to appoint three or more suitable Persons to settle with the Managers of the said Lottery and their Treasurer, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, and to receive the Money remaining in any or either of their Hands, that the same may be laid out in finishing the new Church at *New-Town* aforesaid, and other pious Uses.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for improving and securing the Navigation of *Shearman's* Creek.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Sellers*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to consider of and report their Opinion respecting a more equitable and less expensive Mode of levying and collecting the Provincial and County Taxes in this Government.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *John Gillard*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *James Patton*, of *Shearman's* Valley, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he is informed divers Inhabitants of the said Valley have petitioned the Honourable House for a Law to make *Shearman's* Creek a public Highway, and that he, the Petitioner, be obliged by the same Law to make a Floodgate in a Saw-Mill Dam which he has erected on the said Creek;—that the Petitioner begs Leave to represent to the House, that from repeated Losses by

the breaking away of the said Dam, he is not able to erect a Floodgate or Lock-Dam, but is willing in Lieu thereof to make a Plat-Form from the said Dam sloping down the Stream, so as to afford an easy Descent of Twenty Feet wide, and humbly prays, that if an Act of Assembly should be passed for the Purpose above-mentioned, it may be framed accordingly.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

To the foregoing Petition are subjoined the Words following, *viz.*

"As it is not the Intention of the Petitioners to injure *James Patton*, I am convinced that if his Dam and Plat-Form were constructed and made sufficient on the above Plan, it would satisfy them. FRANCIS WEST."

The House took into Consideration the Petition of *William Mitchell*, and others, of the County of *Lancaster*, against *Isaac Sanders*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the said County, and after some Debate referred the Charge brought against the said *Isaac Sanders* to the Consideration and Enquiry of the Committee of Grievances, with Order that they report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Thompson* be added to the Committee of Grievances.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 11, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resuming the Consideration of the Committee's Report on the Laws of this Province expired, or near expiring, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the more easy Recovery of Legacies, and for other Purposes.

Ordered, That the same Committee do also prepare and bring in a Bill for the better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways.

A Member presented to the Clerk's Table a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for establishing Courts of Judicature in this Province,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 13, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from the Directors of the Library Company of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the

House and read, setting forth, that about forty Years since divers public spirited Inhabitants, desirous to promote the Growth of useful Knowledge, founded a public Library in this City, which, from the Encouragement it hath received, is now become large and valuable, a Source of Instruction to Individuals, and conducive to the Reputation of the Province; —that the Books and Philosophical Apparatus belonging to the Company, by Favour of the Honorable House, have hitherto been deposited in the West Wing of the State-House, but, by the annual Increase of the Library, that Apartment is now quite too scanty for their Accommodation, the Books being crowded together, the Rooms unable to contain any further Additions, and the Philosophical Apparatus rendered in a great Measure useless;—but could the valuable Collection even now possessed be ranged in an Order more exact and methodical, this Institution would undoubtedly rise into yet higher Reputation, and the Public be enriched with a greater Stock of ornamental Knowledge and solid Literature. Many Things likewise, both useful and curious, might be expected from the Benevolence of private Persons, when they can have an Assurance of their being not only gratefully received, but carefully preserved;—that the Company taking into serious Consideration the absolute Necessity of erecting a proper Edifice for the Accommodation of their Books and Philosophical Apparatus, are humbly of Opinion, that if the Honourable House would be pleased to grant them a certain Portion of Ground on the State-House Square sufficient for the Purposes aforesaid, and on such Part thereof as to them shall seem meet, such an Edifice might be erected as would not only be useful to the Company, but a considerable Ornament to the Square, and, as the Petitioners apprehend, without being any Obstacle to the Purposes for which the said Square may be hereafter appropriated; they do therefore, in Behalf and by Order of the said Company, pray the House to grant them such Part of the said State-House Square as may answer the aforesaid Design, and as to them in their Wisdom may seem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Two Petitions from divers of the Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Lancaster* were presented to the House and read, setting forth that not only the Petitioners, but the Inhabitants of other Western Counties, labour under the greatest Difficulties in transporting the Produce of the Country to the City of *Philadelphia*, the grand Market of this Province, owing to the extreme Badness of the Roads, which are sometimes almost impassable, and at all Times dangerous, and at-

tended with great Delays and Losses;—that for Want of proper Attention to the Roads, and to the rendering the Carriage of the Produce of the Country as easy and cheap as the Nature of the Thing will admit, a great Part of the Produce is already lost to the City of *Philadelphia*, and carried to the Town of *Baltimore*, to the great Increase of the Trade and Wealth of that Place, and the Injury and Loss of the Merchants, Manufacturers, Tradesmen and Labourers of this Province, and more particularly of the City aforesaid;—that the Connections in Trade, which are daily forming between the Inhabitants of the Western Country of *Pennsylvania* and the Merchants of *Baltimore*, will gradually carry the Trade to that Place; which, when once settled, cannot without the greatest Difficulty (if at all possible) be brought Back to the City of *Philadelphia*;—that the Petitioners are of Opinion, that unless some speedy Remedy be fallen upon for rendering the Carriage from the Back Country to the Metropolis easier, cheaper and safer, the Town of *Baltimore* will, in a short Time, rival, and at last ruin the Trade of *Philadelphia*;—that the Petitioners humbly conceive that a Turnpike Road, or an Inland Navigation from the City of *Philadelphia* to *Wright's* Ferry on *Susquehanna*,—the making the Ferry free,—and rendering the Navigation of *Susquehanna* easy and safe down to that Ferry, would soon restore the valuable and increasing Trade of *York* and *Cumberland* Counties,—secure the Trade of *Lancaster* County,—and be an easy Mode of transporting the Products not only of these Counties, but of the newly settled Country to the Metropolis of our own Province:—The Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that the Honourable House will take a Matter of so truly interesting a Nature, and of so great Importance to the Prosperity of this Province, into their serious Consideration, and afford proper Relief in the Premises.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Chester* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that for many Years past, great Damages have been done by Dogs, particularly Hounds, in their worrying and killing of Sheep in the Summer Season, and by treading down and destroying the growing Corn of Persons living near where the Hounds are kept; and in the Winter Time by the Owners of such Dogs, and others, pulling down Fences and laying open Inclosures, to the great Detriment of Farmers who have no Compensation for such Damages;—that the Petitioners therefore pray some Means may be provided for their Relief in such Cases for the Future, and with Submission propose that such a Tax be laid

on Dogs as shall be sufficient to make Satisfaction to all Sufferers hereafter in this Way, and that some Penalty be imposed on every Owner of a Dog, who shall keep him after he is known to worry or kill Sheep in the Neighbourhood.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House taking into Consideration the Resolve of the late Assembly appointing *John Sellers*, *Joseph Ellicot* and *William Henry*, of *Lancaster*, to view and examine the Waters of *Susquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and the *Leheigh*,

Resolved, That *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; a Member of this House, and *John Lukens*, Esq; Surveyor General, be, and they are hereby appointed with the said Gentlemen to perform that Service, agreeable to the Directions given at their first Appointment, and to report the Result to this House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 14, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants on the East and West Branches of the River *Susquehanna* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, induced by the Prospect of more commodious Settlements, and the agreeable Hope of providing advantageously for their Families, quitted the interior and more orderly Parts of the Province for their present Habitations, and altho' they hope their Expectations may be answered in Time, yet at present they find themselves subject to many Inconveniencies, chiefly arising (as they apprehend) from their being so very far removed from the Seat of Justice;—that Frontier-Places are generally at first settled with People of loose Principles, whose Circumstances or Inclinations would not suffer them to live in civilized Settlements;—this at present is remarkably the Case with the Branches of the *Susquehanna*, to which may be added, that a Majority of them pretend Subjection to the Colony of *Connecticut*, or are rather for setting up a Government of their own, and many of them having been concerned in committing the greatest Crimes against the Lives of their Fellow-Subjects, cannot be expected to pay any Regard to the Laws for securing Property;—that the Petitioners therefore labour under very distressing Inconveniencies, being obliged to live in

Settlements where the greater Part of the People act in direct Opposition to Government; nor can they see how the Evil is to be remedied while Courts of Law and Places for the Administration of Justice continue at the Distance of Eighty Miles and upwards from them;—indeed they expect an Increase rather than a Diminution of those Evils;—that Men of Property will be intimidated from making any Purchases among them,—those already settled there, who have any Regard to Peace, being tired out by the Insults of their disorderly Neighbors, and ready to withdraw themselves to Situations better suited to their Dispositions, whence the whole Country may be left to the Possession of lawless and abandoned Men;—that the Petitioners humbly conceive the erecting as much of the adjacent Country as may be thought convenient, into a separate County, will be the most probable Means of remedying the Mischief at present complained of, and preventing the like in future;—that the laying out of a County-Town would be likely to draw together a Number of reputable and orderly Inhabitants, and the Appointment of Magistrates, the Building a Gaol for the Confinement, and a Court-House for the Trial of Offenders in such new County, would, as they apprehend, free them from many Distresses attending their present Situation;—that the Petitioners cannot help considering the Insecurity of their Lives and Estates as worthy in some Degree the Attention of the Legislature of this Province, and therefore pray Relief in the Premises.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill declaring the Offices of the Secretary and Surveyor General of this Province public Offices.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the several Matters referred over by the late Assembly, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That the Owners of the *Perkiomen* Copper-Mine Tract of Land have Leave to bring in a Bill for Sale of the said Tract of Land, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition to the late Assembly.

Mr. *Fox* then, by Request of the said Owners, presented at the Clerk's Table a Bill for that Purpose, which being read

by Order the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Ordered, That the Petitions of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, *Samuel Phipps*, *John* and *Joseph Pawling*, *Peter Rimer* and *Abraham Sahler* be referred for Examination to Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Ross* and *Mr. Biddle*, and that they report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That the Owners of the Marsh-Land, called the *Pidgeon Swamp*, in the County of *Bucks*, have Leave to bring in a Bill for draining the said Swamp.

The House then took into Consideration the Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaster*, for Leave to bring in a Bill for establishing certain Regulations in the said Borough, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 15, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for enabling the Justices of the Supreme Court and Court of Common Pleas, to issue Commissions for taking the Examinations of Witnesses in foreign Parts, and for perpetuating Testimony*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Want of Funds for defraying the necessary Expenses of Government, and for other public Uses, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That on *Tuesday* next this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means of raising the said Funds.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province, reported they had assayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented at the Table, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock Tomorrow Morning.

January 16, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Representation from *Robert M'Crea* and *Robert Moore*, of the County of *Cumberland*, Surveyors, was presented to the House, read, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the Province of Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

May it please your HONOURS,

WE, the Subscribers, by a late Act of your Honourable House, being appointed to run the Lines between the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Bedford*, have in Pursuance thereof met to execute the same; but the Place of Beginning, pointed out by the Act, being doubtful, we could not proceed on the Business, many asserting that there is no Hill or Mountain crossing the *Maryland* Line, known by the Name of *Tuscarora*, while others are of Opinion, that it does extend so far and may be traced thereto;—the Place of Beginning being thus uncertain, we have thought it most proper to decline any further Procedure, until the Sentiments of the Legislature could be known, by whom we hope to have this Matter clearly ascertained, and further Allowance of Time to perform the Service required of Your HONOURS'

Most obedient humble Servants,

ROBERT M'CREA,

January 10, 1772. ROBERT MOORE."

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the *Great* and *Little Coves*, in the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they are greatly alarmed from hearing that by a late Act of General Assembly they are to be included in the new County of *Bedford*, and that should such Disposition of them take Place, without their Petition, Consent or Knowledge, they cannot forbear lamenting the unhappy Circumstances to which they must be thereby reduced;—that could they have known this was likely to be the Case, they would have remonstrated against it, but understanding when the Petition for a new County was preferred, that *Sideling* Hill had been proposed for the Eastern Boundary thereof, they concluded it unnecessary to trouble the Honourable House;—that now, however, they beg Leave most humbly to represent, that many of them were formerly Residents of *Lancaster* County, where they contributed to defray the Expence of public Buildings before *Cumberland* was erected, and upon their Removal to the latter, were obliged to assist there

also to build a Gaol and Court-House; whence the House will observe, they have for a Series of Years laboured under heavy County Taxes as well as Provincial, besides the many Troubles and Losses to which they were subject in the late *Indian* War and which they have but lately recovered from;—that under, these Circumstances, they cannot but regret the Hardship of being forced into a new County, and again made Contributors to the Expence of public Buildings;—but supposing no such Burden was to accrue, and granting that by their Situation *Bedford* may be nearer than *Carlisle*, yet they would much rather attend the Courts at the latter, as the Roads are better, and many of them have sometimes Occasion to be at *Philadelphia* on Business, which would make it easy to attend in their Journey thither, or on their Return home; not to mention, that at *Carlisle* they can be supplied with the Articles they want on better Terms than are to be expected to the Westward;—that these Matters being duly considered, the Petitioners flatter themselves it will appear clearly to the House, that to include the Inhabitants of the *Coves* in the County of *Bedford* must prove vastly injurious to them;—that the Bounds of this new County are sufficiently large without such Addition, the Inhabitants numerous, and daily increasing by a vast Concourse of Settlers from the adjacent Governments:—Wherefore the Petitioners pray the Honourable House would take the Premises into Consideration, and grant the Prayer of their Petition. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition from divers of the distressed Inhabitants lately residing at *Wyoming*, on the East Branch of *Susquehanna*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they have very innocently purchased Lands, upon which they were settled at *Wyoming* with their Families, and had made considerable Improvements thereon, where they have been frequently disturbed, and sometimes removed from their Possessions by a lawless Set of People, (chiefly from the Frontiers of this Province) who, in direct Violation of all Orders of Government, as well as the Laws of Humanity, have from Time to Time harrassed and plundered the Petitioners of their Property in so cruel a Manner that they are now not only stripped of all the Necessaries of Life, but are at this inhospitable Season of the Year drove from their Habitations to seek Subsistance for their distressed Wives and Children

amongst the Charitable;—that the Petitioners have not only expended considerable Sums of Money in the Purchase of those Lands, the Removal of their Families thereto, and the Improvement of the same, but have contracted heavy Debts, with Expectations of paying the same out of the Produce of the Lands, which Debts, unless they can return to their just Possessions, they are, to the great Prejudice of their Creditors, rendered entirely unable to pay:—Wherefore, in Consideration of the distressed Condition of the Petitioners and their Families, as well as the apparent Losses of their just Creditors, they humbly pray that the Honourable House will be pleased to consider of some Means to relieve them under their present Sufferings, and restore them to their rightful Possessions by removing the aforesaid lawless Rioters from the Lands they have so unjustly seized. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Isaac Still,* (an *Indian)* now residing near *Brinker's* Mill, in *Northampton* County, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by Favour of a former House of Assembly the Petitioner did obtain a Warrant from the Honourable the Proprietaries of this Province for a Tract of Two Hundred Acres of Land, to be laid out for his own proper Use, at such Place as the Petitioner should direct, and at the same Time lodged in the Surveyor General's Office a Location for Two Hundred Acres of Land within the last *Indian* Purchase, opposite to an *Indian* Town, called *Sheshequanunk,* on the North-Easterly Branch of the River *Susquehanna*;—that the Petitioner did in the Spring of the Year 1769 apply to the Deputy Surveyor to get the Land laid out, and proceeded on his Way to settle the same as far as *Lahawanack,* about eleven Miles beyond *Wyoming,* where meeting Major *Durkee* with a large Party of Men (chiefly from the Colony of *Connecticut,)* who forbad his proceeding any further, unless he would hold under that Colony and receive his Authority from them, which, together with some Uneasiness appearing in the *Indians* at *Sheshequanunk* about his Grant, has quite discouraged the Petitioner from settling the said Lands, as he intended;—that the Petitioner then seated himself on the Honourable Proprietaries Land at *Wyoming,* and has been a very great Sufferer in his Property at the several

Times the *Connecticut* People have violently dispossessed the Settlers under this Government, and is thereby greatly reduced:—He therefore prays, the Honourable House will take his Case into their Consideration, and grant him such Relief as they in their Wisdom shall see meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for establishing Courts of Judicature in this Province,*" and after some Debate thereon, ordered that the same do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 17, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather,*" and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from divers Tanners of the County of *Berks* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners apprehend great Advantages would accrue to the Province if a Law was passed fixing a certain Price for Hides and Leather, and to prevent any Person from purchasing Hides who does not follow the Business of Tanning.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Richard Stevens*, late of *Philadelphia*, Merchant, but now of *Perth Amboy*, in the Province of *East-New-Jersey*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that from repeated Misfortunes and Losses in Trade the Petitioner some Time in the Month of *February*, 1767, finding himself incapable to satisfy the Demands of his Creditors, called upon them to take a View of his Affairs, who, at a Meeting for that Purpose, examined the same, and advised him to assign over his whole Estate, real and personal, to some proper Persons in Trust for the general Benefit of all those to whom he was indebted;—that agreeable to their Advice, and the Custom in such Cases, he made out a List of his Debits, Estates and Effects, to the Truth of which he was duly qualified, and by an Indenture, bearing Date the *Sixteenth* Day of *February*, 1767, made between your Petitioner of the first Part, and *Adam Hoops*, *John Mease*, *John Hastin*, *Nathan Hide*, and *Robert Morris*, five of his principal Creditors, all of the City of *Philadelphia*, of the second Part, for and in Consideration of the several Debts and Sums of Money by him then due and owing unto the said Parties of the second Part, and unto several other Persons, Creditors of the Petitioner,

and for and towards Payment of the same Debts, and for and in Consideration of the Sum of Ten Shillings current Money of *Pennsylvania*, the Petitioner did grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, confirm, assign, transfer, and set over to the said *Adam Hoops*, and others, Parties of the second Part, all his Estate, real and personal, whatsoever and wheresoever, as by a Copy of the said Indenture will appear;—that, at the Request of the Petitioner's Assignees, and that they might have all his said Estate free and clear of every Incumbrance in his Power to remove, he obtained a Release of Dower, and all other Claims, to the said *Adam Hoops*, and others, above-mentioned, from *Susanna*, the Wife of the Petitioner, in full Confidence that his Creditors would, agreeable to the Engagement of the Assignees in their Behalf, and express Promise to him, and agreeable to the Custom of Merchants in such Cases, give him a general and full Discharge of all Demands against him to that Day;—that, in Consequence of the said Assignment from the Petitioner, and Release of Dower aforesaid, the Assignees above-mentioned impowered *Joseph Reed*, Esq; then of *Trenton*, to collect all Debts that were due and owing to the Petitioner, and also to make Sale of his real Estate assigned over to them, in Virtue of which he received some Money, which has either been disposed of agreeable to the Purposes of the Assignment, or remains to be accounted for to the Petitioner's Creditors by the Assignees, or their Attorney;—that many of the Petitioner's Creditors have signed a general Discharge, agreeable to the Engagement of the Assignees, and the true Intent and Meaning of the Assignment, but some of them, notwithstanding the Assurances given to the Petitioner of a full Discharge, and the Recovery of some of his Debts, as above set forth, and contrary to the daily Practice and Custom of Merchants in *Philadelphia*, and other trading Places, have refused to sign the same; by which the Petitioner, from Fear of Arrests, has for near five Years past been obliged to shelter and confine himself in the Province of *New-Jersey*, without being able to use the Means necessary to support and maintain himself and Family, which he has always endeavoured to do by an honest Industry;—that the Petitioner having made a conscientious, fair and honest Surrender and Assignment of all his Effects and Estate whatsoever, can assign no Cause for the Treatment he has met with, unless it be expected thereby to induce his Friends and Relations to release him from his distressed Situation, thereby paying his Debts, which as the Petitioner has no Right to ask, or Reason to hope for, and having in vain tried every reasonable Means in his

Power to induce them to comply with their Agreement, as is herein before set forth, he finds himself under the Necessity of laying his unhappy Case before the Legislature of this Province, and humbly prays the Honourable House to take the same into Consideration, and grant him Relief in the Premises, by passing a Law of this Province to discharge him from all Demands of his said Creditors, agreeable to the Tenor of his Assignment, and the Intent of all Parties when the same was made and executed, in such Manner as to them in their Wisdom shall seem meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Sundry Petitions from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Philadelphia*, *Bucks*, *Chester*, *Lancaster*, *York*, *Cumberland*, and *Berks*, were presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Mode of Swearing practiced in the common Law by laying the Hand upon and kissing the Gospels, raises in the Minds of the Petitioners a conscientious Scruple; on which account they are put to great Difficulties in giving Evidence and recovering Debts according to Law; yea, some for their Non-compliance with this Mode of taking an Oath, have been imprisoned and fined.—And in regard they do not scruple the Lawfulness of Swearing, but only this Mode, they have resolved to seek Redress of this Grievance from their Provincial Assembly: Wherefore they do, by these Presents, lay the Affair before them, and humbly crave, that they will grant them the Liberty of worshipping the L O R D their G O D in swearing by his sacred Name with an *uplifted right Hand*;—they might urge the Example of their Sovereign King *George*, who at his Coronation swore the Oath of Fidelity to *Scotland* with an uplifted Hand;—they might produce the Practice of *North Britain* in their Courts of Judicatory, where this Mode of Swearing is used, yea, they might plead a Precedent for it in some of our Sister Colonies on this Continent, but these are passed by to avoid the Charge of Prolixity, or acting out of the Sphere of Petitioners. However, this Way of Swearing being already practiced in sundry Places of the *British* Empire, shews its Congruity with our civil Constitution, and demonstrates that it wears not any unfavorable Aspect towards Government;—that they are encouraged to hope the Honourable House will regard and answer the Prayer of their Petition, from the Consideration that Liberty, sacred and civil, is entwisted with the fundamental Laws of this Province, and that the Administrations of the Assemblies of *Pennsylvania* have been

long marked with Tenderness towards the Rights of Conscience;—that many of the Petitioners came from sundry Parts of *Europe*, where the Rights of Conscience are invaded and religious Freedom is fettered, that they might here enjoy the Sweets of Liberty, and the unhampered Profession of their holy Religion;—that the House may be assured the Petitioners' Scruples about the Mode of Swearing above specified, and petitioning for another, as most agreeable to the Light of their Consciences, flow not from the Want of Loyalty to their King or Regard to the Laws of their Country, for they profess an unshaken Attachment to lawful Authority, not merely for Wrath but for Conscience Sake;—that this Honourable House may be always directed to the prudent and wise Management of the Powers wherewith Providence hath invested them over this extensive and flourishing Colony, and that they may now give a fresh Instance of their Clemency towards the aggrieved, is the sincere Prayer of their humble Petitioners.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather,*" and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 18, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Petitions from *Jacob Naglee* and *Elijah Weed*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and sealing of Leather.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *Isaac Still* (the *Indian* Interpreter) was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* be given to the Petitioner, out of the Fund appropriated by Law for defraying the Expences of *Indian* Treaties, and that Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *James* receive the said Sum from the Treasurer, and lay it out in Cloaths and other Necessaries for the Use of the Petitioner, and also assist him in his Land Affair.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the *Great* and *Little Coves*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and after some Time spent therein, the Question being put, Whether the said Inhabitants shall be included in the County of *Bedford*?

Carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a separate County.*"

An Account from *Lewis Brahl* for two Stoves and Pipes for the Assembly Room, amounting to *Twenty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eleven Pence*, was laid by Mr. *Hillegas* before the House, and an Order for the said Sum drawn on the Treasurer, to be paid out of the Fund appropriated by Law for Repairing the State-House, *&c.*

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 20, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Trouble and Expence which the People of the Counties of *Cumberland*, *York*, *Lancaster*, and Part of *Chester*, experience in bringing their Produce to *Philadelphia*, have greatly injured the extensive Trade which for many Years happily subsisted between those Counties and the City;—that unless effectual Measures are speedily adopted for facilitating the Carriage of Produce from the aforesaid Counties of *Cumberland*, *York*, *Lancaster* and *Chester* to this Place, the Petitioners apprehend the Inhabitants of those Counties may be induced to carry their Produce to some more convenient Market, which must prove of ruinous Consequence to the Trade of the Province;—that the Petitioners therefore earnestly request the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and to grant such Relief therein as to them in their Wisdom shall seem meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Geist*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Shoemaker, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Inspector and Sealer of Leather.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

January 21, 1772.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for enabling the Justices of the Supreme Court and Common Pleas to issue Commissions for taking the Examination of Witnesses in foreign Parts, and for perpetuating Testimony*;" and, "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," being transcribed

according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, respecting the Repair and Improvement of Roads to the Westward for the more ready Carriage of Produce from the Back Counties to the said City, was presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Pursuant to the Resolve of *Wednesday*, (which was read by Order) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means of providing for the Exigences of Government by an Increase of the Public Funds, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business before them, but not having yet come to any Result thereon, they requested Leave to sit again To-morrow Morning, which being granted accordingly, the House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the three Bills passed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

A Petition from *John Johnson*, *Thomas Nedrow*, *Catherine Wistar*, *Richard Wistar*, *Reuben Haines* and *Samuel Morris*, junior, the Friends and nearest Relations of *Rebecca Martin*. (late *Vanaken)* of *German-Town*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said *Rebecca* for many Years has been of insane Mind and Understanding, but as no Person was legally authorized to superintend her Estate, the same was left under her own Controul, with the Advice and Assistance of some of the Petitioners;—that she is of the Age of fifty-eight Years, and upwards, and being seized and possessed of a considerable Estate certain designing and evil-disposed Persons, with a View to their own Interest, prevealled upon one John Martin, who is almost an Idiot, to offer Marriage to the said *Rebecca*;—that in *March* last the said *John Martin* was joined in Marriage to the said *Rebecca* by *Charles Jolly*, a Justice of the Peace, notwithstanding he was apprized of the Insanity and Idiocy of the Parties;—that a certain *Edward Milner*, who is Father-in-Law to the said *John Martin*

and *Jacob Hall*, who is Brother-in-Law to *Milner*, and who, the Petitioners, are fully persuaded were the principal Promoters of the said Marriage, have unduly obtained Possession of Bonds and Securities for Money belonging to the said *Rebecca*, to the Value of near *Four Thousand Pounds*, and, in order the more effectually to carry their Villainies into Execution, have sent the said *John Martin* to Parts beyond the Seas, first having obtained from him a Power of Attorney (and a Will, as the Petitioners are informed) in their Favour;—that the said *Martin* has in about nine Months wasted of the said Estate near *Two Thousand Pounds*;—that the whole Estate is in great Danger of being squandered, and thereby this unhappy Couple of being reduced to Poverty and Want;—that the Petitioners therefore pray this Honourable House would, by a Law for that Purpose, appoint proper Persons to take Care of the Estate of the said *John* and *Rebecca*, and in his, her or their Names or Name to sue for, recover and take into Possession all such Monies, Goods and Estate, real and personal, whatsoever, in whose Hands or Possession soever the same may be found, in the same Manner as a Committee of Lunaticks might or could do in *England*, and to grant such further Relief in the Premises as to them may seem meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Mr. *James*, by Request of the Managers of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital laid before the House a State of the Accounts of the said Hospital for the preceding Year, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

STATE *of the* Accounts *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *adjusted by the* Managers, *being a Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year, ending the Third of the* Fifth Month (May), 1771, *laid before the Contributors, at their Annual Meeting, held at the said Hospital at that Time.*

BALANCE at the Settlement of Accounts last year, *viz.*							
In the Hands of Thomas Wharton, the Treasurer, — — — — — —	£	462	0	8½			
Of David and John Barclay, Charles Harrison's Legacy, — — — — —		750	0	0			
					£	1212	0 8½
Receipts this Year, *viz.*							
Interest-Money from sundry Contributors, due on their Notes, — — — —	£	78	15	1			
From the Borrowers of Money lent, —		445	11	1½			
Annuities this Year, — — — — — —		110	8	0			
						634	14 2½
Contributions and Benefactions from private Persons, — — — — — —	£	124	8	5			
Legacies by Will, — — — — — — —		390	0	0			
						514	8 5

Sundry Contributors their Notes paid off, — — — — — —					155	0 0
For Board of pay Patients, — — — — — — — — — — —					542	14 0
Ground-rents and Rents, — — — — — — — — — — — —					51	13 0
From three Students, for the Liberty of attending the Practice of the Hospital, — — — — — — — — — —					15	0 0
From sundry Persons, for viewing the Anatomical Paintings and Casts, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					14	11 11½
For a Cow and a few small Articles sold, — — — — — —					13	0 0
Charity Boxes, *viz.* The Hospital's in the Hall, — — — — — — — — — —	£	26	11	10½		
The Provincial Assembly's, — — —		3	0	5		
Joseph Potts's, — — — — — —		1	11	0		
					31	3 3½
					£ 3184	5 7

Balance due to the Matron at the Settlement last Year, —					£ 11	15 9

Payments this Year, *viz.*

Notes taken for two new Contributions, — — — — — —					40	0 0
Sundry Disbursments on the Building,	£	115	1	11½		
Furniture, being mostly beds and Bedding, — — — — — — — — — —		42	15	6		
					157	17 5½
Drugs and Medicines, including some had some Years since, — — — — — — — — — — — —					542	8 4
Money lent on Interest, — — — — — — — — — — — —					600	0 0
Wages to the Apothecary, Matron, Nurses and Servants,					285	2 5
Firewood and Coal, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					218	18 0½
Common Expences of Housekeeping, such as Flour, Middlings, Meat, Milk, Sugar, Melasses, Candles, Soap, Butter, Chocolate, Tea, &c. &c. — — — — — — — —					1212	11 8½
Extra Expences, a Horse and sundry small Articles, — — — — — — — —	£	16	2	6		
Discount allowed on two Bonds, — —		8	1	0		
David Hall for sundry Medical Books,		6	19	3		
					31	2 9
					£ 3099	16 5½
Balance remaining due to the Hospital,						
In the Hands of Thomas Wharton, Treasurer, — — — — — — — — —	£	73	13	4		
In the Hands of Sarah Harlan, the Matron, — — — — — — — — —		10	15	9½		
					84	9 1½
					£ 3184	5 7

LIST *of new Contributions in the Year, ending the Third of* Fifth Month (May), 1771.

George Mifflin, — — — — — — — —	£	15	0	0	
John Pringle, — — — — — — — —		5	0	0	
Anna Warner, — — — — — — — —		15	0	0	
A Person unknown — — — — — — —		1	0	0	
John Potts — — — — — — — — —		25	0	0	
Bryan Wilkinson, (additional) — — —		3	5	11	
Jacob Duche, Esq; (on certain Conditions) — — — — — — — — — —		10	2	6	
Ludwick Falkenstine, — — — — —		10	0	0	
Alexander Edwards, — — — — — —		10	0	0	
Joseph Pemberton, Merchant, — — —		30	0	0	
					£ 124 8 5

LEGACIES, viz.					
Mary Dougherty, — — — — — — — —	£	5	0	0	
Christopher Brown, a further Payment		50	0	0	
James Bright, — — — — — — — — —		30	0	0	
Charles Harrison's more than accounted last Year, — — — — — — — — —		15	0	0	
Philip Hulbert, — — — — — — — — —		20	0	0	
Robert Allison, — — — — — — — — —		100	0	0	
Mary Jacobs, — — — — — — — — —		10	0	0	
John Davis, of Chester County — — —		50	0	0	
Joseph Richardson, Esq; — — — — —		100	0	0	
Daniel Stanton, — — — — — — — —		10	0	0	
					390 0 0
					£ 514 8 5

CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *the Fourth of* Fifth Month (May), 1771.

Bonds and promissory Notes due from sundry Contributors for their respective Subscriptions, — — — — —	£	1839	13	4
Subscriptions for which Notes are not yet obtained. — —		86	10	0
Mortgages and Bonds for Money lent on Interest, — — —		6865	19	0
	£	8792	2	4

Real Estate, per Deeds in Custody of the Treasurer, *viz.*

A Lot of Ground in the Northern Liberties, on Germantown Road, — — —	£	24	0	0	
An Annuity of £6, per Annum, issuing out of a House and Lot in Derby, —		100	0	0	
Three Annuities, amounting to £10:1:4, per Annum, issuing out of three Houses and Lots in Philadelphia, — —— —		200	0	0	
An Annuity of 14 Pistoles per Annum, issuing out of a House and Lot in Chestnut-street, — — — — — — —		378	0	0	
Three Annuities amounting to 17 and an Half Pistoles per Annum, issuing out of three Houses and Lots in Southwark, — — — — — — — — — —		400	2	0	
The Moiety of the Square next Westward of the Hospital, with the Houses thereon, — — — — — — — — —		443	17	6	
The Moiety of the Square next Eastward of the Hospital, — — — — — — —		607	0	0	
					2152 19 6
Doctor John Fothergill's Donation of Anatomical Paintings and Casts, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					350 0 0
					£ 11295 1 10

Besides the Lot on which the Hospital is erected, with the Improvements.

By a List of the Names and Cases of the Patients, it appears there have been admitted into this Hospital within the Year, ending the Third of the Fifth Month (May), 1771, 496 poor diseased Persons, amongst whom were 70 Lunatics, or such who were disordered in their Understanding. And discharged,

Cured — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	242
Relieved — — — — — — — — — — — — —	31
Died — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	53
Eloped — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	21
For Irregularity — — — — — — — — — — —	18
At their own Request — — — — — — — — — —	8
At request of their Friends — — — — — — — — —	5
Incurable — — — — — — — — — — — —	2
	380
Remain in the House, — — — — — — — — — —	116
Total — — — — — — — — — — — — —	496

Copy from the Minutes of the Managers, examined by JAMES PEMBERTON."

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Shepherd*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Chriest* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to visit the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, and report the State and Oeconomy thereof of the House.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Persons distraining the same, *&c.* reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants on the East and West Branches of the River *Susquehanna* for a new County, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Shepherd*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to enquire into, and make Report of the Expediency of granting the Prayer of the said Petition.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That all the insolvent Petitions before the House be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Grievances.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

January 22, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, for Improvement of the Roads to the Western Counties of this Province, for the more easy Carriage of their Produce to the City, was presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the speedy Recovery of divers Sums of Money, due to the Public from certain Persons late Commissioners, Assessors and Clerks in the County of *Lancaster*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Pursuant to Leave granted the Committee to sit again this Morning, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, and after some Time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that, as they had not yet finished their Deliberations on the Matters referred to them, he was directed to request Leave for the Committee to sit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to,

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Two Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants on the West-Side of *Schuylkill* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they apprehend themselves subject to greater Expences in conveying their Produce to Market by Means of the high Rates of Ferriage over the said River, than the Circumstances of the said Ferries, and the Number of Passengers necessarily require; the same Rates still continuing that were established and found to be suffcient for supporting the said Ferries in the Year 1723, when the Passengers, as the Petitioners conceive, were not more than One Tenth of the present Number;—that, upon considering the great Difference of Improvements on the East and West Sides of the said River, the Petitioners are of Opinion, that it is chiefly owing to the Difference of Expence with which the Produce of those Places is brought to Market, and that the Cultivation or real Improvement of Lands will always be in Proportion as the Portage of their Product to Market is rendered easy and expeditious:—That the Petitioners therefore hope, the Honourable House will be pleased to take the premises into serious Consideration, and grant such Relief therein, as to them shall appear needful.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, praying that some Method be taken for more effectually repairing and keeping in Order the public Highway from the City of *Philadelphia*, to the said Borough.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration

Agreeable to the Order of the Forenoon, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Consideration of Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that as they had not yet come to a full Result on the Subject before them, he was directed to request Leave for their Sitting again in the Morning, which was granted accordingly, and the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

January 23, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and, agreeable to the Resolution of last Night, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Consideration of Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that having made a further Progress in the Business referred to them, they requested Leave to sit again To-morrow Morning, which was agreed to by the House.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," with some Amendments thereon, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from divers of the Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners and other Freemen of the said County are and have at all Times been willing and desirous to contribute as much as in them lay towards a just Proportion of the Duties and Expences necessarily attendant on the proper Support of Government and Execution of the Laws;—that from many Years Experience they have observed the Trouble and Expence of serving upon Juries have fallen upon a very small Part of the Inhabitants of this County, and that the Fees allowed by Law are not adequate to the Service;—that the Petitioners humbly conceive a just Rate laid on the County to defray the Expences and Trouble of the Jurors, who shall from Time to Time serve in the same, will greatly contribute to render the Service more just and equal:—That the Petitioners therefore humbly pray the Honourable House, to take the Premises into Consideration, and afford such Relief as in their Wisdom they shall judge proper.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from *Conrad Clime*, of the Township of *Gwyned*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, by the Authority of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, on the first *Monday* in *March*, 1770, was appointed Constable of the Township of *Gwyned* aforesaid; and that the Petitioner, not being acquainted with the Duty of his Office, thought he must execute all Precepts directed to him from the Magistrates, as they are the Ministers of Justice, and ought to understand the Law;—that the Petitioner in pursuing the Duty of his Office, as he thought, served seven several

Summons granted by *Charles Jolly*, Esq; against *Jane Jones*, Widow and Relict of *John Jones*, late of *Gwyned* aforesaid, deceased, for Debts contracted by the said *John*, who died intestate, which Summons the Petitioner returned to the same Justice, who thereupon gave Judgment, and granted Executions for the several Debts, as they were all of them under *Forty Shillings*, to be levied on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Jane Jones*, the Widow; which Goods and Chattels the Petitioner did seize and sell at public Vendue to the highest Bidder, according to the Tenor of such Executions, and out of the Monies arising from such Sales, the Petitioner paid the Plaintiffs their several Demands, not knowing he had committed any Offence against the Laws of the Province in so doing;—that afterwards Letters of Administration were legally granted to *Philip Kinsey*, and he finding that Waste had been committed on the Goods and Chattels of the said *John Jones*, deceased, he commenced an Action against the Petitioner, and, by due Course of Law, obtained Judgment of the Court of Common Pleas, at *Philadelphia* in *June* Term, 1771, for *Twenty-two Pounds One Shilling and Eight-pence*, Debt, besides *Three Pounds Ten Shillings and Nine-pence*, Cost, which the Petitioner is liable to pay;—that *Charles Jolly*, Esq; promised to indemnify the Petitioner, and employed a Lawyer to defend the above Action, and repeatedly assured the Petitioner that what had been done by him was consonant to Law; but finding at length that Judgment of Court was obtained against me, and no Method could be had to make the Plaintiffs return the Monies the Petitioner paid them in Virtue of the Executions granted contrary to Law, he now expects to extricate himself from the Injustice committed, and fix the Petitioner in the Dilemma, though he pocketed the Costs in those iniquitous Proceedings:—The Petitioner therefore humbly prays the Honourable House, to take the several Matters above-mentioned into Consideration, and relieve the Petitioner, who is a poor Man, from the Burthen, which he is likely to suffer (through the Ignorance of a Magistrate, and his own Imprudence in doing what he thought his Duty) by such Ways and Means as they shall think most proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, praying that proper Measures may be taken for repairing and keeping in good Order the public Highway from the said Borough to the City of *Philadelphia*.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from *John, Jonathan* and *Thomas Palmer* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by an Act of General Assembly of this Province, passed in the First Year of the Reign of *George* the Third, for clearing and making navigable the River *Schuylkill*, and for preserving the Fish in the same, *William Palmer*, deceased, (Father of the Petitioners) was appointed one of the Managers;—that he attended the Duties enjoined by the said Law, One Hundred and Eleven Days, at the Wages of *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence per Diem*, amounting to the Sum of *Forty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings* and *Six pence*;—that he never received from the *Schuylkill* Commissioners, or other Person or Persons, any Part of the said Wages:—The Petitioners therefore pray, the Honourable House would be pleased to grant them such Relief in the Premises as they in their Wisdom shall think just and reasonable.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition of a Number of distressed Persons driven from their Settlements near *Wyoming* by the *Connecticut* Claimants, and after some Time spent therein, ordered that the said Petition lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 24, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Joseph Davis* was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting Leather. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee to whom the Petition of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, of *Lancaster*, Esq; was referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they have, pursuant to the Order of the House, examined into the Petition of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, Esq; relative to the Loss of a Deed set forth in the said Petition, and are fully satisfied that such Deed was duly executed, and is by some Accident lost; also that the Petitioner has given Notice of his Application to the Legislature for Relief in the public Papers, as directed by the late Assembly.

January 24, 1772.

SAMUEL SHOEMAKER, JOHN JACOBS, Jun.
MICHAEL HILLEGAS, GEORGE ROSS."

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," and after some Time spent therein, an Answer to the same being drawn at the Table and agreed to,

Ordered, That Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and the Answer of the House to his Amendments.

Pursuant to the Resolution of Yesterday, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, and after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported, that the Committee not having yet finished their Deliberations on the Subject before them, requested Leave to sit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to by the House, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," and deliver the Answer of the House to his Amendments on the said Bill, reported they had done the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Answer into immediate Consideration, and acquaint the House with his Result thereon.

The Order of the Forenoon being read, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported, that the Committee having concluded their Deliberations on the Business referred to them, and come to some Resolutions thereon, they had directed him to report the same whenever the House shall be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Fox* then (according to Order) reported the said Resolutions, which he first read in his Place, and then delivered at the Clerk's Table, where the same being again read, were approved by the House, and are as follow, *viz.*

"*Resolved*, 1. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Bill be brought in to extend the Excise to all Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, sold or consumed within this Province, (Wine and Spirits made or distilled from the

Products of this Province for the private Use of the Owner or Distiller only excepted) and for preventing Frauds in the Payment and Collection of the Excise."

"*Resolved*, 2. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that no Person or Persons importing into this Province any Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other Spirits, or purchasing from such Importer, shall, when sold, deliver the same to the Purchaser, his Agents, or Servants, before an Entry be made in the Office of Excise, under a Penalty to be imposed on the Seller and Purchaser."

"*Resolved*, 3. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that no Distiller shall deliver any Rum, Brandy, or other Spirits, sold by the Hogshead, Quarter-Cask, or Keg, containing Twenty Gallons, and upwards, to the Purchaser before Entry in the Office of Excise, under a Penalty to be imposed on him and the Purchaser."

"*Resolved*, 4. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the following Provisions be inserted in the Bill, *viz.* that all Persons selling Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, within the City of *Philadelphia*, or within Miles thereof, by any greater Quantity than Twenty Gallons, be deemed Sellers by Wholesale, and shall not be allowed to deliver such Liquors to the Purchaser before an Entry thereof be duly made in the Office of Excise, under a Penalty to be imposed on such Seller and the Person purchasing the same; and that all Persons vending the said Liquors in any Quantity not exceeding Twenty Gallons within the Limits aforesaid, be deemed Retailers, and shall on Oath or Affirmation, to be administered by the Collector of Excise, make a just Return of such Liquors, by them sold, to the Collectors aforesaid, under a Penalty."

"*Resolved*, 5. That where any Person shall purchase any Quantity of Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other Spirits, above Twenty, and not exceeding Eighty Gallons, they shall pay the Duty to the Collector of Excise at the Time of Entry, and before the same shall be delivered to them by the Vender, under a Penalty; and that the Excise for all other Quantities of Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, shall be paid to the Collector of Excise for the County into which the same shall be sold, within Three Months after Entry, under a Penalty."

"*Resolved*, 6. That the Burden of the Proof shall lie on the Owner or Claimant of any such Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other Spirits, seized by any of the Collectors of Excise within this Province."

"*Resolved*, 7. That every Retailer shall be qualified on Oath or Affirmation, to return a true and just Account to the

Collector of all the Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, by him purchased, and that he has sold none but what he has returned; and that every Distiller shall in like Manner make Entry of all Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, by him sold, once in every Three Months, and that he has sold no more than he has entered, under a Penalty."

"*Resolved*, 8. That every Retailer (Distillers of the Products of this Province excepted) who shall sell any of the Liquors aforesaid, the Excise whereof shall not amount to Three Pounds, shall pay Three Pounds per Annum."

"*Resolved*, 9. That any of the said Retailers (except as before excepted) selling the Liquors aforesaid for any Time less than one Year, shall also pay the Sum of Three Pounds."

"*Resolved*, 10. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Bill be prepared and brought in for striking the Sum of *Two Hundred Thousand Pounds* in Paper Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 25, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the foregoing Resolves of the Committee on Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Crosby*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for amending the Act of Assembly relating to the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, within this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Minshall*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of *Two Hundred Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *John Johnson*, and others, relating to the Marriage and Estate of *John* and *Rebecca Martin*, of *Germantown*, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Allen* be added to the Committee of Grievances, and that the said Committee do make Enquiry into the Facts alledged in the said Petition, and report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 27, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," with a Reply to the Answer of the House to his Amendments to the said Bill, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The Secretary also brought down a written Message from the Governor to the House, and a Letter from his Excellency General *Gage* to his Honour, with sundry Papers therein referred to, which were severally read by Order, and the said Message and Letter are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'IN Compliance with the Request you were pleased to make at the Beginning of this Session, I immediately wrote to General *Gage*, desiring that I might be acquainted with the result of the Application made to him, respecting the Demands of the People of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties, for Carriages employed by Colonel *Wilkins* in his March to Fort *Pitt*. I am just now favoured with his Excellency's Answer, which I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you, together with several other Papers relating to that Matter, transmitted to me at the same Time.

January 25, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

His Excellency General GAGE'S *Letter.*

SIR, *New-York, January* 19, 1772.

I HAVE received your Letter of the Ninth Instant, respecting the Papers transmitted to me, which contain Demands of the People of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties, for Carriages employed by Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins* on his March to Fort *Pitt*, with seven Companies of his Majesty's Eighteenth Regiment, in the Year 1768.

The Distance of Time betwixt the March of said Troops and the Demands of the People concerned, together with the very great Distance of the Regiment, has rendered it difficult to ascertain the Propriety of these Demands, though I have taken every Step in my Power to do it.

The Papers have been laid before the Deputy Quarter Master General, to whose Department the Contents properly belong, and I transmit you his Report to me thereupon.

It became necessary likewise to send Copies of them, with a Copy of the Remonstrance of the Assmbly to their late Gov-

ernor, to Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins*, and I inclose you a Copy of his Letter to me in Answer thereto, with Copies of Orders given by him relative to the Carriages, and of the Certificates of the Officers who commanded the several Companies, two excepted, who are since dead, of the Sums they respectively paid to the Waggoners.

If the Waggoners have received the Sum directed to be paid them by Act of Parliament, *viz. Fourteen-pence* Sterling per Mile for a Waggon that carries Twenty-four Hundred Weight, for as many Miles as they marched with the Troops, it is as much as they were entitled to receive. It appears from the Deputy Quarter Master's General Report and other Papers, that the Paymaster of the Regiment has received the Amount thereof, and from the Officers Certificates that the same was paid to the Waggoners, and no greater Charge can be made to Government on the Head of Carriages for the Marching of Troops in Time of Peace:—When they are in the Field different Methods are pursued.

Some of the Drivers having alledged, that they received Provisions from the King's Magazines, and were made to pay double what is stopped from the Soldier, I ordered the Commissary General to inspect into the Issues of 1768, in the *Pennsylvania* Department from *Philadelphia* to Fort *Pitt*, who has sent me a Return thereof, and acquainted me by Letter that the Contractors have made no Charge for Rations to Waggoners, and that the Whole of the Receipts for Provisions issued are included in Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins's* general Receipt for Stoppages from the Soldiers.

It is, however, possible that the Drivers may have been victualled with the Soldiers, and Receipts given for them as Soldiers, in which Case we may suppose Stoppages were made from them, as the Soldiers have paid for all that was issued:—This is only Conjecture, but if it proves true, and that the Waggoners can ascertain the Rations they received, and the Stoppages made from their Hire on that Account, properly certified, it will be in my Power to redress them on that Point, it having been usual to allow Waggoners carrying Baggage on a March with Troops, a Ration of Provisions gratis when they passed the Frontiers.

One of the Claimants, *viz. Kilheffer*, charges for the Loss of a Horse, but there is no regular Appraisement of his Value, or Certificate that the Horse was lost in the Service; there is, however, a Voucher of his Value, and if *Kilheffer* produces a proper Certificate from the Officers, that the Horse was ac-

tually lost in the Service, he shall be paid accordingly;—this is all in my Power to do.

Captain *Chapman*, of the Eighteenth Regiment, at present in *Philadelphia*, was on the March with Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins*, and may be able to give some Account of these Matters, and shall be wrote to.

Many unforeseen Accidents will happen on Marches, which occasion Damage and Loss to the Owners and Drivers of Waggons, and the Acts of Parliament made in these Respects, as well for *Great-Britain* as *America*, direct in what Manner they are to be indemnified.

I inclose the People's Demands, and have the Honour to be, SIR,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant,

THOMAS GAGE."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 28, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *William Hemble*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Taylor, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is a Native of *Germany*, born at the City of *Gelnhausen*, in the County of *Hanau*, in the Dominions of his Serene Highness the Landgrave of *Hesse-Cassel*, and has been educated in the Protestant Religion, commonly called *Lutherans*;—the fundamental Doctrines of which religious Society he heartily believes and professes, though from the Dictates of his own Conscience he scruples to take any Oath, and has these several Years forborne to partake of the Sacrament of the LORD's Supper, for which two Particulars he cannot by the Mode prescribed by Act of Parliament of the 13th of *George* the Second, which requires the taking of an Oath, nor under the Act of the 20th of *George* the Second, which requires the taking the Sacrament, be naturalized in his Majesty's Plantations in *America*;—that the Petitioner has lived in this City upwards of Eleven Years, and is of good Name and Fame among his Neighbours;—that by his Trade and Industry he has acquired some real and personal Property, which he is desirous to transmit to his Posterity;—that he is well and truly affected to his *Britannick* Majesty's Person and the Government of this Province, and is willing to make and subscribe the Declarations of Allegiance and Fidelity, and the Profession of his Christian Belief, and to take and affirm the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, according to the Form of an Act of Parliament, made

in the First Year of the Reign of his late Majesty *George* the First, entituled, "*An Act for the further Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess* Sophia, *being Protestants, and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of* Wales, *his open and secret Abettors*:"—Wherefore the Petitioner humbly prays Leave to bring in a Bill to enable him to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject in this Province.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Fishery in the River *Delaware*.

Ordered, That the same Committeee do also prepare and bring in a Bill for Amending the Act, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware, Leheigh, *&c. common Highways, and for improving the Navigation in the said Rivers*."

Upon Motion,

The Petition from divers of the *Presbyterian* Congregation of *New-Town*, in the County of *Bucks*, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *George Kehmle*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Pearson*, and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for dissolving the Bond of Matrimony between the said *George Kehmle* and his Wife *Elizabeth*.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather*," which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrrow Morning.

January 29, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Remonstrance from *William Allison*, *William Miller* and *John Mease*, Executors of the Will of *John Mease*, deceased, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that *Richard Stevens*, a late Petitioner to the House for Relief, became indebted to the late *John Mease* in the Sum of *One Thou-*

sand Pounds for Goods sold him, and from his having sent those Goods to *New-York*, and sundry other Circumstances respecting this Transaction, there is Reason to believe that the said *Stevens* contracted this Debt knowing his Affairs to be desperate, for the Purpose of serving particular Friends before his Failure, without any rational Prospect of ever discharging it;—that the late Mr. *Mease* considered the said *Stevens's* Conduct in this unfavourable Light, and did accordingly decline any Share in the Management of his Affairs as an Assignee, which fully appears by his Letter to the Petitioner, a Copy whereof is herewith laid before the House; whereby it also appears, that the Allegations, so far as they relate to the deceased, are not founded in Fact, for it was not "the Intent of all Parties that he should have a Discharge from all Demands in Consequence of making the Assignment;"—that the said *Stevens* at sundry Times since his Failure has offered personally and by Letters to pay his Creditors *Four Shillings* and *Six-pence* in the Pound, from which it can hardly be doubted that he had it in his Power to raise such a Sum; and as no Distribution has yet been made of his Estate, there is Reason to believe that he would by this Time have acceded to the Requisition of his Creditors by paying *Five Shillings* in the Pound, had he not expected a general Release from the Honourable House of Assembly;—that from these and some other Circumstances, which it would be painful to enumerate, the Remonstrants humbly conceive should the House indulge the said *Stevens* in the Exemption of his Person from Arrests for a certain Time, they will never think it for the Encouragement of Trade, or consistent with Justice, to grant him an absolute Discharge from his Debts.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from divers Persons, Creditors of *Richard Gardiner*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said *Gardiner* has been for some Time past of insane Mind, and of Course incapable of managing or transacting his Affairs;—that before his Insanity he became indebted to the Petitioners in Sums of Money which he neglected or was unable to pay;—that lately his Mother, *Mary Gardiner*, died, having by her Will bequeathed to the said *Richard* a considerable residuary Legacy, and constituted him Executor of her Will;—that as the said *Richard* was insane, Administration has been granted, with the Will annext, during his Insanity;—that the Petitioners have applied to the Administrators (who have Possession of the Effects of the said *Richard* consisting of Bonds and Money,

which the Honourable House know cannot be reached by common Law Process) for Payment of their Debts, and have offered to assign their Debts and enter into Bonds of Indemnity, but the said Administrators have refused to pay the Petitioners:—Wherefore they pray the House would be pleased to offer a Bill to the Governor appointing a Committee for the said *Richard*, who may be compellable to pay his Debts heretofore contracted, and to make reasonable Provision for him in future. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants on the West-Side of *Schuylkill* for lowering the Rates of Ferriage on that River, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for enabling the Justices of the Supreme Court to issue Commissions for taking in Examination of Witnesses in foreign Parts and for perpetuating Testimony*," and acquainted the House that he could not agree to pass the said Bill into a Law.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather*," which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Two Accounts from *James Webb* and *Joseph Ferree*, Esquires, for their Time and Expences in attending a Jury appointed to lay out a new Road from the City of *Philadelphia* to the Village of *Strasburgh*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 30, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, and the *Northern Liberties*.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to*

secure such Goods to the Person distraining the same, &c." which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

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The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 31, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Enoch Story*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he has been informed the House intend this present Sitting to appoint an Officer for collecting Duty of Excise on spirituous Liquors within the County of *Philadelphia*, and praying Leave to offer himself as a Candidate for the said Office.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from a Number of distressed Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they and their Families were settled at *Wyoming*, on the East Branch of *Susquehanna*, under the Protection of the Government of *Pennsylvania*, where they have for three Years past been treated in the most cruel Manner by a Gang of lawless People from *New-England*, and the Township of *Hanover*, in this Province, who have robbed them of their Horses, Cattle, and other Effects, burnt their Houses, destroyed their Grain, and abused their Persons, as if at open War with them;—that some of the Petitioners Friends have been killed, others wounded and rendered incapable of supporting themselves and their Families, whereby they are now reduced to a State of the greatest Distress, being deprived of their whole Dependance and every Means of Subsistance;—that the Petitioners themselves are threatened with the same Fate, and are apprehensive it must soon take Place, unless the Government should interpose for their Preservation:—Wherefore they humbly pray the Honourable House, to take their unhappy Case into Consideration, and remove the said lawless Murderers and Robbers, or make such other Provision for relieving the Petitioners as they in their Wisdom shall think most expedient.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from *Elijah Davis*, of *Providence* Township, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and

read, setting forth, that there hath of late been a public Road laid out through a small Tract of Land belonging to the Petitioner, and confirmed by the Court of Quarter Sessions, of Fifty Feet wide, which separates a small Strip of Ground, together with the Dwelling-house, from the rest of the said Plantation, and subjects the Petitioner to the Expence of a long Lane, where he otherwise had no Occasion of any Fencing, and in other Respects renders the whole exceeding inconvenient and troublesome;—and what increases his Hardship is, that is appears, upon opening the said Road, that his Barn and Stables and a Number of valuable Apple-Trees stand within the Limits thereof, the Removal of which would occasion great Loss and Damage to the Petitioner, unless prevented by the Interposition of the House, some Persons having insisted and still insisting that the Supervisors of the Highways shall open the said Road to its full Extent;—that it would give the Petitioner the greatest Concern, to put his private Interest in Competition with public Conveniency, but in this Case he humbly conceives he may be relieved without Injury to the Public, as there is an old Road (commonly called *Pawling's)* which separates from the aforesaid Road the lower Side of his Plantation, and running along a Line between his and his Neighbours Lands, but a few Perches distant from the said new Road, and uniting again with it at the upper Side of the said Plantation in the *Reading* Road, which, though it may be a few Perches further, he apprehends the Ground in the old Road to be so much firmer and better for the Purpose than that in the new, as to compensate the Public for the small Difference in the Distances;—that the Petitioner being ignorant of any legal Mode of Redress, and placing entire Confidence in the Justice of the House, so distinguished for their Attention to the Rights and Property of every Subject, is emboldened to pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into their Consideration, and pass an Act to vacate so much of the said new Road as extends from where the said old Road separates from it to where it unites again, and establishing that Part of the old Road, of a proper Width for public Conveniency; or otherwise grant the Petitioner such Relief therein as the Nature and Circumstances of the Case may require.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from a great Number of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that a Number of Places within the Province are established for the Vending of Merchandize, and other Kinds of Goods, by Auction or public Sale;

—that the said Auctions or public Sales not being under proper Regulations, are very frequently injurious to Purchasers;—that the said Auctions are Inducements for idle People to attend and spend their Time, and an Encouragement (from the public Declaration made, "that Secrecy shall be observed") for Persons to send Goods there for Sale fraudulently obtained;—that by the Frequency and Manner of holding the said Auctions Strangers and others are induced to bring or send Goods from the neighbouring Colonies, and elsewhere, to sell here, who, from their short or Non-residence, do not bear any Part of the Expences of Government, nevertheless carry out of the Province large Sums of Money, which heretofore circulated among ourselves;—that in Consequence of public Auctions many private Persons are much injured, and Trade in general essentially affected;—that this Province, conspicuous to the World for its internal Police and well adapted commercial Laws, would, by imposing certain Restrictions on Auctions or public Sales, appear still more honourable;—that the Petitioners pray the House to take the Premises into Consideration, and establish such Regulations of the said Auctions as they shall judge most effectual for preventing the Increase of so alarming and destructive an Evil.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Mary Norris*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Widow, and *Henry Hale Graham*, *James Mather* and *James Claxton*, of the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners are Owners of about Thirty-five Acres, Part of a Tract of Marsh Meadow-Ground, situate in the Borough of *Chester*, adjoining the River *Delaware*, on the the Westerly Side of *Ridley* Creek, containing about Fifty-one Acres;—that the whole of the said Fifty-one Acres of Marsh is enclosed by a continued Bank surrounding the same;—that it has been the constant Custom ever since the first Embanking thereof, for the several Owners and Possessors to support and maintain their out-side Banks fronting their respective Parts;—that the Petitioners have been at considerable Expence in the Improvement of their Parts thereof, which hitherto has rendered them little Profit, occasioned by the Neglect of some of the other Owners or Possessors not keeping their out-side or front Banks in con-

stant Repair;—that the Petitioners conceive, that if a Law was made enjoining the several Owners and Possessors thereof, under certain Penalties, to keep their out-side Banks in constant Repair, it would be of great Utility and Advantage to them:—The Petitioners therefore pray, the Honourable House will be pleased to give them Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes aforesaid.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from Major *John Durkee* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he is an Inhabitant of the Colony of *Connecticut*, and has been arrested in this Province, and confined for Nine Months past in the Gaol of this City for a Debt of *Five Hundred Pounds*, owing by him to Messieurs *Walter* and *Samuel Francklin*, Merchants in *New-York*;—that the Petitioner being a Stranger, destitute of Friends, is unable to give Bail, or dispute the Justice of the Demand, and has no Prospect of being discharged, unless through the Interposition of the Honourable House;—that he is advised to make this Application to the Assembly, and has been endeavouring, but unable, to procure a Person to go to *New-York*, to give Notice to the said *Francklins* of such Application; he has, however, ordered the same to be advertised in the public News-Papers at *New-York*, and is desirous to assign over all he has in the World for the Benefit of his Creditors, though he has been informed they have seized the whole:—He therefore prays the House, to pass a Bill for the Relief of his Person from Imprisonment.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Chester*, respecting the Road lately laid out from the Middle Ferry on *Schuylkill* to the Village of *Strasburg*, in *Lancaster* County, was presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 1, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that as there was no safe public Repository in the said County for the keeping the Records thereof, or suitable Place to hold the Prothonotary's Office in, the Inhabitants have lately, at a

considerable Expence, erected a very commodious Building for that Purpose on the public Ground at *New-Town*, where the County Courts are held, and other public Business of the County transacted;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the House would be pleased to provide by Law, that the Prothonotary's Office for the said County, together with all the public Records thereof, shall for the future be kept at the said Place.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from *William Dewees*, of the *Northern Liberties*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for collecting the Excise upon spirituous Liquors in the County of *Philadelphia*.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 3, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 4, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Persons distraining the same, for the better Security of Rents, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 5, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Two Petitions from *Benjamin Kendal* and *John Zeller*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and sealing of Leather.

Ordered to lie on the Table for Further Consideration.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Persons distraining the same, for the better Security of Rents, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather,*" being read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, for keeping the Prothonotary's Office and the Records of the said County at *New-Town*, where a proper Building has been lately erected for that Purpose, being again read, and considered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Ashbridge* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the said Petition.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed by the House this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a great Number of Persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath in the common Form, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of such scrupulous Persons.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, and the Township of the *Northern Liberties*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition from a Number of distressed Persons driven from their Settlements at *Wyoming*, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to enquire into

the Sufferings of the Petitioners, and report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 6, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Excise upon spirituous Liquors within this Province, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, situate in* Frederick *Township, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Perkiomen *Copper Mine Tract, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 7, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the safe keeping and preserving the Records and other public Papers of the County of *Bucks*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of *Two Hundred Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 8, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of the aged, sickly and helpless *French* Neutrals in and about the said City, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Seventy-five Pounds* be allowed to the said Overseers, to be applied to the Support of the said *French* Neutrals during the Inclemency of Winter. And a Certificate for the same being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, and committed to Mr. *Shoemaker* to be delivered to the said Overseers.

The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Situation of a Number of distressed Families driven from their Settlements at *Wyoming*, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed by Order of the House to enquire in the Circumstances of the Petitioners from Fort *Augusta*, beg Leave to report, that we find, from the Information of *John Lukens*, Esq; the Surveyor General, and *Robert Martin*, one of the Petitioners, that the following Persons are real Objects of Charity, whom we may properly recommend to the Benevolence of the House, *viz.*

Robert Martin, a Wife and seven Children.
Jesse Clark, six Children.
George Fields, a Wife and four Children.
Darius Mead, a Wife and five ditto.
Robert Duchee, a Wife and three ditto.
Joseph Wheeler, a Wife and four ditto.
George Tanner, a Wife and five ditto.
Thomas Murphy, six Children.
Joseph Ogden, a Wife and six Children.

Submitted to the House by
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN BROWN,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, GEORGE ASHBRIDGE.
JOSEPH FOX,

Upon Consideration of the above Report,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* be paid into the Hands of *Joseph Fox*, Esq; to be immediately applied to the Relief and Support of the said distressed Families. And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Fox* accordingly.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," with some Amendments thereto, which being read by Order, and agreed to, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 10, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, and the Township of the *Northern Liberties*, which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 11, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *Swoope*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

The Committee of Aggrievances, to whom the Complaints of *Elijah Davis* and *Conrad Clime* against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; were referred for Examination, presented to the Chair a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

IN Obedience to the Order of the House, the Committee of Grievances beg Leave to report, that they have enquired into the Complaints of *Elijah Davis* and *Conrad Clime* against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, and, upon hearing both Parties, find that *Elijah Davis*, on returning home from the City of *Philadelphia* on the Second of *October*, 1769, in the public Road, near the Falls of *Schuylkill*, found a Man's Cloth Surtout Coat, and a Day or two after gave public Notice of his having so found it, by putting up Advertisements at different Places; that about two Months after a certain *William Lawrence* called at said *Davis's* House and claimed the said Coat, but *Davis* being from home, the Coat was not delivered to the said *Lawrence*;—that on the Sixth Day of *December* following a Summons was issued against *Elijah Davis* by *Charles Jolly* aforesaid, to appear before him to answer to *William Lawrence*, to render Reason why he detained the said *Lawrence's* Coat unlawfully, agreeable to which *Davis* appeared before Justice *Jolly*, who did not determine, or give any Judgment in the Matter;—that two Days after, on the Eighth of *December*, another Summons was issued by the said *Jolly* against *Davis*, to answer *William Lawrence* a Debt under *Forty Shillings*, to which Summons said *Davis* appeared, when Justice *Jolly*, after hearing the Parties, was of Opinion the Plaintiff had no Cause of Action; yet, nevertheless, on the Twenty-sixth Day of *July*, 1770, an Execution was issued by

the said *Jolly*, setting forth, that *William Lawrence* had obtained Judgment before him against *Elijah Davis*, for the Sum of £ — Debt, and *Seventeen Shillings* Cost, besides Costs of Execution, and commanding the Constable, to whom the said Execution was directed, to levy the same on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Elijah Davis*, who hath thereby been compelled to pay the Sum of *Twenty Shillings* and *Nine-pence* for Costs on the aforesaid two Actions, though no Judgment was obtained against him in either.

That it also appears to your Committee, that the said *Charles Jolly*, Esq; issued seven Summonses against a certain *Jane Jones*, Widow of *John Jones*, late of *Gwyned*, deceased, for Debts under *Forty Shillings*, and proceeded to Judgment, and issued seven Executions against the said *Jane*, he the said *Charles Jolly*, at the Time of giving Judgment and issuing the said Executions, well knowing that the several Debts, for which the said Judgments were given and Executions granted, were Debts contracted by the aforesaid *John Jones*, deceased, late Husband of the said *Jane*, and that the the said *Jane* had not administered to his Estate or otherways intermeddled with the same.

That it further appears to the Committee, that *Conrad Clime*, Constable, by the verbal Orders of the said *Charles Jolly*, and (as he *Clime* thought) in Compliance with the aforesaid Executions, levied the same on the Goods late of the said *John Jones*, deceased, and thereby subjected himself to a Damage of *Twenty-two Pounds One Shilling* and *Eight-pence* Debt, and *Three Pounds Ten Shillings* and *Nine-pence* Costs, for which Judgment was obtained against him by *Philip Kinsey*, Administrator to the Estate of the aforesaid *John Jones*, deceased.

That the Committee beg Leave also to report, that the aforesaid *Charles Jolly* hath neglected to satisfy or settle with *Ludowick Harple*, against whom he gave Judgment for a Debt not exceeding *Five Pounds*, without giving the said *Harple* an Opportunity of being heard, as reported by the Committee of Grievances to a former House of Assembly on the Twenty-seventh of *September*, 1770, notwithstanding the said *Charles Jolly* promised the Committee of the late House that he would satisfy said *Harple*, so that no further Complaint should be made to the House against him on that Head.

That upon the Whole, the Committee are of Opinion, that the Conduct of the said *Charles Jolly* in the several Matters

before mentioned hath been illegal, unwarrantable and very oppressive.

Submitted to the House by
February 11, 1772.

JOSEPH FERREE, ROWLAND EVANS,
JAMES EWING, SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN BROWN,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, JOHN JACOBS, jun."
JOSEPH PARKER,

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the* Northern Liberties," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the safe keeping and preserving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and others Spirits more equal, and for preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the said Excise,*" and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 12, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the said Excise,*" which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants on the West-Side of the River *Schuylkill*, for lowering the Rates of Ferriage over the said River, was presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Persons distraining the same, for the better Security of Rents, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the*

Manufacturing of Leather," with a Paper of Amendments to each of the said Bills, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the said Excise*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 13, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Petition from divers Persons, Owners of Meadow-Ground in the County of *Chester*, for Leave to bring in a Bill for repairing and keeping up the Banks of the said Meadows, and after some Time spent therein, ordered that the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners of the Lands, called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the Township of* Bristol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch through the Middle of said Swamp, and to raise Money to defray the Expence thereof*," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

The House then adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the safe Keeping and Preserving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," and, "*An Act for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Township of the* Northern Liberties," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor therewith, and the Road Bill passed in the Forenoon, and deliver the same for his Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 14, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed Yesterday, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, situate in* Frederick *Township, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Perkiomen *Copper-Mine Tract, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Reply to the Answer of the House to his Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Frauds and Perjuries,*" wherein he is pleased to say, "that if the Reason for his Amendment in Page 6, Line 4, should not have the same Weight with the House which it had with him, he will wave the said Amendment, and subscribe to the Alteration proposed by the House,"—and after some Time spent therein, the House adhering to the said Alteration, ordered the Bill to be engrossed accordingly.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration.

The House proceeded to consider the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather,*" and after some Time spent therein, an Answer to the said Amendments being prepared at the Table, and agreed to by the House,

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Swoope* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and the Answer of the House to his Amendments, and deliver the same for his Consideration.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Meadow-Land, situate in the Borough of* Chester, *in the County of* Chester, *to keep their Banks, Dams, Sluices, and Floodgates in good Repair,*" which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather*," and the Answer of the House to his Amendments thereon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

The House took into Consideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent*, &c." which being agreed to, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 15, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 17, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from the Commissioners, Assessors and Trustees of the County of *Bedford* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that there is an absolute Necessity that the public Buildings of the said County (especially the Prison) be compleated immediately, as great Numbers of disorderly Persons resort to the Frontiers.

That the Petitioners find it impossible by such a Tax as can be levied under the Act of Assembly, to raise a sufficient Sum of Money for that Purpose.

That they apprehend the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* would enable the Trustees to execute the Trust reposed in them, and that a sufficient Gaol would render the County more respectable:—Wherefore they pray the Honourable House, that the said Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* may be struck in Bills of Credit, and lent to the said County without Interest, for such a Time as to the Legislature may seem proper.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary returned the following Bills, *viz*, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keep-*

ing in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province;"—*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather;*" and, "*An Act for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Township of the* Northern Liberties," with Amendments to each of the said Bills, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The Secretary also brought down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, situate in* Frederick *Township, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Perkiomen *Copper-Mine Tract, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and, "*An Act for the safe keeping and preserving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," and acquainted the House that his Honour would be ready to pass the first of the said Bills, but could not give his Assent to the other.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 18, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the following Bills, *viz.* "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Advancement of Justice, and more certain Administration thereof;" "An Act for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants;" "An Act to enable the Commissioners therein named to settle the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery set up and drawn for repairing the Meeting-House, and bulding or repairing the House for the Residence of the Minister of the Presbyterian Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to sue for and recover such Sums of Money, as remain due and unpaid on account of the said Lottery;*" "*An Act for the Recovery of Legacies;*" and, "*An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs in the City and County of* Philadelphia *and the County of* Bucks," reported they had essayed Draughts for the above Purposes, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being severally read

the first time, were ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House took into Consideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," and "*An Act for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Township of the* Northern Liberties," and after some Time spent therein, the same being agreed to by the House, the said Bills were ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *James Bartron*, *Bernard Creite* and *James Graham* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners having been great Losers by the late Disturbances and Riots at *Wyoming*, are under the Necessity of laying their Cases before the Honourable House.

That *James Bartron* has lost the Labour of almost a whole Year in improving a Piece of Land near *Wyoming*, except about two Months, wherein he was employed at different Times in the Fort;—that he has also furnished the People in the said Fort with a Cow for their Sustenance when in the greatest Distress from the Want of Provisions.

That *Bernard Creite* had been settled near *Wyoming* for two Years, and has lost his Horses and almost every Thing he had;—that he has worked in and upon the Fort about an Hundred and Twenty Days.

That *James Graham* about three Years ago removed from the *Mohawk River*, in *New-York* Government, to *Wyoming* in *Northampton* County;—that a certain *Lazarus Stewart* and his Associates in *June* last came to *Wyoming*, and surrounded the House in which the Petitioner with many others then dwelt;—that the Petitioner having a Quantity of Wheat at the Time of *Stewart's* coming there, it was taken from him by Mr. *Daniel Shoemaker* for the Use of the People in general;—that he has received no Recompence for it, and is at Present in great Distress for Want of Provision and Cloathing for himself and Family, who have been deprived of all they prossessed by the said *Stewart* and his Gang;—that the People, for whose Support his Wheat was taken, are unable to afford him any Relief, having lost their All as well as the Petitioner:—Wherefore the Petitioners humbly pray the Honourable Houses to take their Sufferings into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as by them in their Wisdom shall be judged proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan, and for providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" and after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *James Davis*, Taylor, for dissolving his Marriage with *Franey Wison*, was again read, and after some Debate thereon, referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Grievances.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 19, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 20, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Robert Bell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Bookseller and Auctionier, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner apprehendeth the Propagation of useful Knowledge and polite Literature is greatly retarded in this City, owing to the Construction of a certain Act of the Legislature of this Province, passed in the Third of *George* the Second, constituting a Vendue-Master for the Sale of all Goods, *&c.* which Act is supposed to extend to the Hinderance of selling Books by Auction;—that in all Kingdoms and Cities under his Majesty's Sovereignty (the City of *Philadelphia* only excepted) the Petitioner hath neither seen or felt any Let or Hinderance to the Sale of Books by Auction.—Books, being the acknowledged Vehicles for the progressive Advancement of universal Learning, have been ever held in the highest Estimation in all Countries where Rationality prepondereth against Ignorance and Barbarism. —Any and every Sort of Restraint upon Books, preventing their Circulation, must be exceedingly detrimental and injurious to the Society where such Restraint is prevalent;—the Petitioner therefore humbly apprehendeth, that Book-

Auctioniering is not properly within the true Spirit, Intent or Meaning of that Ordinance, which hath established a Vendue-Master for the City;—that the Petitioner is informed the Honourable House of Representatives have it now in Contemplation to make some Regulations concerning Vendues or Auctions, and prays they will be pleased to grant him such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem meet and expedient.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for explaining and better ascertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of *Bedford*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," and after some time spent therein, some Objections arising to Parts of the said Bill, the same was recommitted to the Committee that brought it in, for Alteration and Amendment.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *William Hembell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Taylor, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *James Bartron*, *Bernard Creite* and *James Graham*, of *Wyoming*, and after some Time spent therein, ordered that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Committee of Grievances presented to the Chair a Report in Writing on the Complaint of *Mahlon Kirkbride*, junior, of the County of *Bucks*, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

MAHLON Kirkbride, junior, complains to the said Committee, that on the Fourth of *December*, 1771, he was served with a Citation from the Orphans Court of the County of *Bucks*, to appear the Ninth of the said Month to account as Executor of *John Kerlin*, deceased; agreeable to which he appeared before the said Court, consisting of *Gilbert Hicks*, *Jonathan Ingham*, *Joseph Hart*, and *John Denormandie*, Esquires, and was immediately charged by the said *Gilbert Hicks* with Contempt to the Court in not laying his Accounts be-

fore them.—In Answer to which the said *Kirkbride* objected, that the Notice had been too short, and requested the Court would allow him further Time to take Counsel in the Matter, as no Orphans were concerned in the Case; whereupon he was illegally committed to the Custody of the Sheriff, at whose House he remained until the Evening of the next Day, and being then ordered to the County Gaol, was there confined till the Day after, when he was taken before the Court, consisting of Messrs. *Hart*, *Kidd*, *Wynkoop* and *Walker*, to whom he produced his Accounts, and said if he had offended the Court he was sorry for it, and was thereupon discharged.

Submitted to the House by

JOHN JACOBS, jun.	ROWLAND EVANS,
GEORGE ROSS,	SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
WILLIAM THOMPSON,	JOHN BROWN."

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Complaint of *Mahlon Kirkbride*, junior, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Magistrates of the County of *Bucks*, whose Conduct is complained against by the said *Kirkbride*, have Notice to attend the said Committee on *Thursday*, the Fifth of *March* next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in the collecting and paying the said Excise*," being transcribed according to Order, and in Part read the third time,

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 21, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of *Four Thousand Pounds* for the Purposes therein mentioned.

The House proceeded in the third Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the said Excise*," and after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of *Four Thousand Pounds* for the Purposes therein mentioned, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Four Thousand Pounds *for the Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being by special Order read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, and Brandy more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the said Excise,*" which being read through the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 22, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum* of Four Thousand Pounds *for the Purposes therein mentioned,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third Time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor and deliver the same, together with the Excise Bill, for his Consideration.

Upon Motion,

The House taking into Consideration the great Increase of the Business of the House, and the Necessity of employing an Assistant-Clerk, after some Debate,

Resolved, That *Abel Evans* be and he is hereby appointed Assistant-Clerk to the House for the remaining Part of the present Year.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to dissolve the Marriage of *George Kehmle*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Barber, with *Elizabeth* his Wife, late *Elizabeth Miller*, and to enable him to marry again reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the

Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 24, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed on *Saturday* last, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee appointed to consider and report on the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants on the East and West Branches of *Susquehanna* for a new County, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

IN Obedience to the Order of the House, We, the Committee appointed to enquire into the Circumstances and Situation of the Inhabitants on the East and West Branches of *Susquehanna*, and Parts adjacent, concerning an Application made for erecting a new County in that Part of the Province, have procured what Intelligence we are able at this Time, and with all due Submission beg Leave to report, That the Boundary-Lines proposed to be run for dividing this new County from the Counties of *Northampton*, *Berks*, *Cumberland*, and *Bedford*, are as follow, *viz.* Beginning at the Mouth of *Mahontongo* Creek, on the West-Side of the River *Susquehanna*, thence up the South-Side of said Creek by the several Courses thereof to the Head at *Robert Mateer's* Spring, thence West by North to the Top of *Tuffey's* Mountain, thence Southwesterly along the Summit of the Mountain to *Little Juniata* to the Head thereof, thence by a Line North to the Extremity of the Province, thence from the said Place of Beginning by a straight Line up and across the said River *Susquehanna* to the Mouth of *Mahontongo* Creek, on the East-Side of the said River, thence up the said Creek by the several Courses thereof to the Fork at the Mouth of *Long Pine* Creek, thence

East-north-east to the *Great Swamp*, hence up the Westerly Side of the same to the most Northern Extremity thereof, and thence by a Line North to the Extremity of the Province.

The Committee are also informed, that on the North-westerly Side of the said Lines there are at least Five Hundred Settlers, several of whom are Men of Character and Abilities, capable of executing the Offices necessary in civil Government, and are so settled, that Townships may be regularly and conveniently laid out; and that there is a considerable Number of Persons from the interior Parts of this and other Provinces, who will make Improvements and settle thereon, as soon as they can be assured that a County will be erected; the Committee therefore conceive, that if the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, it will encourage Men of sober Principles to purchase Lands, make Improvements, and settle in that Part of the Province, to the Establishment of good Order and a due Subjection to Government amongst the People, without which, it is to be feared, that fine Tract of Country, now very far from any Court of Justice, will too long continue a Place of Refuge of lawless and bad Men, and of Consequence prevent reputable Persons from making Settlements, to the great Prejudice and Discredit of the Province in general.

Submitted to the House by

JOSEPH FERREE, HENRY PAWLING,
February 24, 1772. HENRY CHREIST, ABEL JAMES,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, ISAAC PEARSON."

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill for confirming the Estate of *Adam Simon Kuhn* in and to a certain Lot of Ground, with the Buildings thereon erected, in the Borough of *Lancaster*, one of the Title Deeds whereof is lost, which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for explaining and better ascertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of* Bedford," and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 25, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for explaining and better ascertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of* Bedford," which being read through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs in the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and County of* Bucks," which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 26, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee to whom the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,* &c." was recommitted for Amendment, reported the same with some Alterations and Additions, and the said Bill being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Commissioners therein named to settle the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery set up and drawn for repairing the Meeting-House, and building or repairing the House for the Residence of the Minister of the* Presbyterian *Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to sue for and recover such Sums of Money as remain due and unpaid on Account of the said Lottery,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have the greatest Reason to believe that the many singular Advantages the said City and this Province now enjoy, have been derived principally from Trade and Commerce; to the happy Influence of which they are much indebted for the very considerable and rapid Increase of their Wealth and Inhabitants, their many useful and expensive Regulations, and for their Ability to defray the frequent and weighty Charges of Government;—that in Order to secure to this City and Province their present Advantages, such a Representation in General Assembly is necessary to the City of *Philadelphia* as may be justly proportioned to its Number of Inhabitants, and the Quota they pay towards the Support of Government, which amounts to more than One Fourth Part of the Provincial Disbursements;—that the Representation of the City by two Members is inadequate to its Number of Inhabitants and the great Proportion they pay of the public Debts, especially as Sickness, or some other unavoidable Accidents, may prevent the Attendance of such two Members, when new and sudden Impositions may inadvertent-

ly be put on Trade, which may destroy, before a Remedy could be applied, the most valuable Branch of our Commerce, few Men being Judges of the real Interest of a commercial People, and therefore not capable to determine properly in Matters relative to Trade, though in other Points ever so able and desirous to promote the general Welfare;—that in order to prevent such evil Consequences to the Trade of this Province, on which the Interest and Happiness of every Member of the Community depend, and to remedy the great Inconvenience the Inhabitants of *Philadelphia* labour under through the Want of a just and equal Representation in the General Assembly of this Province, the Petitioners earnestly request the Honourable House to take the Premises into their serious Consideration, and afford them such effectual Relief therein as may be consistent with Right and Justice.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bills, entituled "*An Act for the Recovery of Legacies*," and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Advancement of Justice, and more certain Administration thereof,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, were ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables, and others acting in Obedience to their Warrants,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to dissolve the Marriage of* George Kehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Elizabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Meadow-Land, situate in the Borough of* Chester, *in the County of* Chester, *to keep their Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 27, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee to whom the Petition of *John Johnson*, of *Germantown*, and others, was referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

THE Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts alledged in the Petition of *John Johnson*, *Thomas Nedro*, *Catharine Wister*, *Richard Wister*, *Reuben Haines* and *Samuel Morris*, jun. beg Leave to Report, that in Pursuance of the Order of the House, they have convened the Parties concerned before them, and made the said Enquiry on the Oaths or Affirmations of several Witnesses produced by the said Parties, and, for the more perfect Information of the House, herewith lay before them the Depositions of the said Witnesses taken in the Course of the Proceedings of the Committee.

February 27, 1772.

JOSEPH WATSON,	JOSEPH FOX,
ISSAC PEARSON,	ROWLAND EVANS,
JOHN JACOBS, jun.	JOSEPH PARKER,
JOSEPH FERREE,	ABEL JAMES,
WILLIAM EDMONDS,	JOHN BROWN."

The Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the several Petitions of *Abraham Sahler*, *John Pawling*, *Joseph Pawling*, *Andrew Heizer*, *Bernard Kepler* and *Peter Reimer*, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed by the House to examine into the Title Deeds of *Abraham Sahler*, *John* and *Joseph Pawling*, *Andrew Heizer*, *Bernard Kepler* and *Peter Reimer*, beg Leave to report, that we have had the same laid before us, and do find them as they severally follow, *viz.*

1. PATENT, dated the 13th of *October*, 1701, granting to *William Harmer* in Fee, Seventeen Hundred Acres of Land in *Philadelphia* County, as therein particularly described.—Recorded at *Philadelphia*, in Book *A*. Vol. 2, Page 102.

2. PATENT, dated the 22d of *July*, 1713, indorsed on the foregoing Patent, granting to the aforesaid *William Harmer* the additional Quantity of 85 Acres, adjoining the other Tract.

3. DEED *of* BARGAIN *and* SALE, dated the 9th of *September*, 1713, *William Harmer* and *Ruth* his Wife, to *Solomon Dubois* and *Philip Dubois*, granting Twelve Hundred and Eighty-five

Acres, (Part of the aforesaid Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-five Acres) to them in Fee, as Joint-Tenants.—Recorded at *Philadelphia*,—Book *E.* 7. Vol. 8, Page 416.

4. RELEASE, dated the 13th of *February*, 1718-19, *Solomon Dubois* to *Philip Dubois* for the North-Westermost Part of the said Twelve Hundred and Eighty-five Acres, so as the same had been divided in the Month of *May*, 1716, by a Survey and Draught thereof referred to in the said Release.—Recorded at *Ulster*, in the Province of *New-York*, in Book *C.* Page 29.

5. DEED POLL, dated the same Day, *Philip Dubois* to *Daniel Dubois*, granting the Moiety of his Moeity aforesaid in Fee, acknowledged before *Jos. Haasbrook*, Justice of the Peace in the County of *Ulster*.

6. PART of a DEED *of* BARGAIN *and* SALE, dated the 3d of *August*, 1724, the said *Philip Dubois* and *Daniel Dubois* to *Abraham Dubois*, granting their North-westerly Moiety of the said Twelve Hundred and Eighty-five Acres in Fee.—This Deed, although torn, and having only *Philip Dubois's* Name and Seal, one of the Grantors therein named remaining, (the other Grantor's Name and Seal being torn off) yet as the Names of the Evidences are still thereon, and it has been acknowledged before a certain *Abraham Gaasbeck Chambers*, one of the Judges of the inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Ulster*, it appears to the Committee to have been a real and genuine Deed, and ought to have all the Force and Effect of a good and sufficient Title Deed.

7. PART of a DEED POLL, dated *November* 2d, 1724, *Abraham Dubois* granting the said North-westerly Moiety to *John Pawling* and *Isaac Dubois*, as Joint-Tenants.—And although Part of this Deed, which contained the Grantor's Name, is missing, yet from its Contents and Appearance, and from other Proof made to us of the former compleat Existence of this Deed, we no way doubt of its having been a real and genuine Title Deed.

8. *John Pawling*, by a Codicil to his last Will and Testament, dated the 5th of *May*, 1733, devises his Part and Share of the Lands, bought by him and *Isaac Dubois* in Company of *Abraham Dubois*, unto his two Sons *John* and *Joseph*, their Heirs and Assigns, respectively dividing the same between them by *Perkiomen* Creek.

9. RELEASE, dated the 18th of *May*, 1744, *William Miller* and *Catherine* his Wife, *John Ziewer* and *Margaret* his Wife, *Henry Van Mecter* and *Rebecca* his Wife, and *Abraham Sahler* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, (they, the said *Catherine*, *Margaret*,

Rebecca and *Elizabeth* being the only Children left by *Isaac Dubois*, deceased, who died intestate) do grant, release, quit Claim, and confirm unto *John* and *Joseph Pawling* in Fee, Three Hundred and Forty-one Acres, by Metes and Bounds in the same Release expressed, according to their respective Claims, by Virtue of the last Will and Testament of their Father *John Pawling*, deceased, or otherwise, howsoever.

10. RELEASE, dated the 9th of *September*, 1746. *Henry Pawling*, Son of *John Pawling*, *John Pawling* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *Joseph Pawling* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *Henry Pawling*, of or near *Schuylkill*, and *Eleanor* his Wife, *Abraham Vanhover*, alias *Dehaven*, and *Rebecca* his Wife, *Christopher Syckler* and *Deborah* his Wife, do grant, release, quit Claim, and confirm unto *Catherine* the Wife of *William Miller*, *Margaret* the Wife of *John Seber*, *Rebecca* the Wife of *Henry Van Meeter*, and *Elizabeth* the Wife of *Abraham Sahler*, in Fee, Three Hundred and Sixty Acres, by Metes and Bounds in the same Release expressed.

N. B. That the aforesaid *Margaret Seber* died leaving three Daughters, who are married to *Andrew Heizer*, *Bernard Kepler* and *Peter Reimer*, who, in Right of their Wives, hold, as Tenants in common, One Hundred Acres, Part of the Lands which by the last mentioned Indenture were released to the Children of *Isaac Dubois*.

Having thus recited the Contents of the Title Deeds and other Papers laid before them, the Committee beg Leave to add, that they are informed *Abraham Sahler* has purchased the Shares and Rights of *Catherine* the Wife of *William Miller*, and of *Margaret* the Wife of *Henry Van Meeter*; and therefore, on the Whole, it appears to the Committee that the several Petitioners are all interested in, and now hold the Lands in Question under those defaced Deeds; that the said Owners have, agreeable to the Order of the House, advertised in the public Papers their application to the Legislature for Relief, by the passing a Law for establishing their several Titles under the defaced Deeds aforesaid, which Relief the Committee are of Opinion ought to be granted.

Submitted to the House by

February 27, 1772.

JOHN JACOBS, jun.
GEORGE ROSS,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
SAMUEL RHOADS,
SAMUEL SHOEMAKER."

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thou-

sand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" and having made some Progress therein, adjoured to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 28, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs in the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks," and after some Debate thereon, recommitted the same to the Committee that brought it in, for Amendment.

The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Allegations contained in the Petition of *Samuel Phipps*, presented to the Chair a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

PURSUANT to an Order of the House, the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of *Samuel Phipps*, beg Leave to report, that they find by an Article of Agreement, dated the 30th of *May*, 1719, made between a certain *Cadwalader Ellis*, of *Goshen*, and *Joseph Phipps*, of *Uuchland*, Townships, in the County of *Chester*, that the said *Cadwalader Ellis*, for the Consideration of *Two Hundred Pounds*, did sell unto the said *Joseph Phipps* the Plantation or Tract of Land whereon the said *Cadwalader Ellis* then lived, containing Two Hundred and Ninety-five Acres; and by the Testimony of *George Ashbridge*, Esq; it appears, that *Cadwalader Ellis* was in Possession of the said Tract of Two Hundred and Ninety-five Acres of Land about Fifty-seven Years ago, and that *Samuel Phipps*, the Petitioner, is now and hath been in Possession of the said Tract about Forty-five Years, by Virtue of a Deed of Gift or Purchase from his Father, the aforesaid *Joseph Phipps*.—And it further appears by the Testimony of the said *George Ashbridge*, that the said *Samuel Phipps* was likewise possessed of Eighty-two Acres of Land, (adjoining the Two Hundred and Ninety-five Acres aforesaid) which he purchased of a certain *Stephen Beeks*.—It also appears by the Deposition

of *Richard Willis*, that *Joseph Phipps*, the Father, did execute a Deed to his Son *Samuel* for a Quantity of Land, which he, the said *Willis*, verily believes was the aforesaid Tract of Two Hundred and Ninety-five Acres. And by a Copy of the Record of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Chester* it appears, that in *February* Term, 1758, *Samuel Phipps* obtained a Verdict against *Aaron Phipps* for Detention of Deeds and other Writings, of which the Deeds for the two Tracts of Two Hundred and Ninety-five, and Eighty-two Acres, are said to be Part.—It also appears, that *Samuel Phipps* hath given public Notice of his Application to the House of Assembly, agreeable to the Direction of the House.

Upon the Whole we are of Opinion, the said *Samuel Phipps*, from his long uninterrupted Possession of the said Land, and other Circumstances as above-mentioned, had regular Deeds or Title to the same, though they are now lost, or in the Possession of the Person against whom he obtained the Verdict as aforesaid.

Submitted to the House by

February 28, 1772.

JOHN JACOBS, jun.
GEORGE ROSS,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
SAMUEL RHOADS,
SAMUEL SHOEMAKER."

The House, upon Motion, took up the Report of the Committee on the several Petitions of *John* and *Joseph Pawling*, *Abraham Sahler*, *Andrew Heizer*, *Bernard Kepler* and *Peter Reimer*, which being again read and considered,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayers of their respective Petitions.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money from the Persons therein named*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners of the Lands called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the Township of* Bristol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch through the said Swamp, and to raise Money to defray the Expence thereof*," being, upon Motion, read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Complaints of *Conrad Clime* and *Elijah Davis* against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Remonstrance to the Governor for the Removal of the said *Jolly* from his Office.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of such Persons as conscientiously scruple the taking of an Oath in the common Form, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton* for another Member to represent them in Assembly, and after some Time spent therein, the Question being put, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners shall be granted at this Time?—the same was carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

The Petition from the Directors of the Library Company of *Philadelphia*, upon Motion, was again read, and after some Time spent therein, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon the second Reading of the Petition from divers of the Creditors of *Richard Gardiner*, of the Township of *Blockley*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to make Enquiry into the Allegations of the Petitioners, respecting the Insanity of the said *Gardiner*.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Chester*, concerning the Road lately laid out, by Order of the Governor and Council, from the Corporation Ferry on *Schuylkill* to the Village of *Strasburg*, in *Lancaster* County, was presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 29, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of *Samuel Phipps*, of the Township of *Goshen*, in *Chester* County, was again read, and Leave given the Petitioner to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants on the West-side of *Susquehanna* for a new County, and after some Time spent therein, the Question being put, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners shall be granted at this Time? it was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for ascertaining the Boundaries, and setting off the said new County.

Upon Motion,

By Request of *Edward Milner* and *Jacob Hall*, Parties in the Case of the late Widow *Vanaking*, to be heard by Counsel before the House on the Evidence they have produced to the Committee of Grievances,

Resolved, That *Friday* next, the Sixth of *March*, be and it is hereby appointed for the Hearing said *Milner* and *Hall* by Counsel before the House.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

March 2, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a considerable Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the providing suitable Houses for the Poor, and procuring Nurses for such as are sick or superannuated, and the raising Taxes for their Support in the Manner hitherto practised in the said County, are found to be attended with much Difficulty and Hardship to the Overseers, and great Expence to the Public;—that the Petitioners apprehend if a House was built to accommodate the Poor of the whole County, in which they could be kept, under proper Directors, to such Employments as they are capable of, their Maintenance might be rendered more comfortable and far less expensive:—That the Petitioners therefore pray a Bill may be prepared and offered to the Governor for appointing suitable Persons to purchase a Piece of Land, and build a House thereon for the Reception of the Poor of the whole County, and that

Provision be made for keeping up a Succession of Managers for the said House by annual Elections, in the Manner the County Commissioners are chosen in this Province; and in order to the carrying this useful Design into immediate Execution, the Petitioners further pray, that a Sum of Money, adequate thereto, may be struck in Bills of Credit, to be sunk by a yearly Tax upon the Inhabitants of the said County.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, first read in his Place, and then delivered at the Clerk's Table, a Bill, entituled, "*An Act against Adultery and Fornication,*" which being again read by Order, was referred to further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in the collecting and paying the said Excise,*" with some Amendments thereto, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The Secretary also acquainted the House, that his Honour requested they would furnish him with a List of the Draughts and Certificates proposed to be paid by the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *James* be a Committee to prepare and bring in To-morrow Morning a List of the said Draughts and Certificates to be laid before the Governor.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 3, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Member presented to the Chair the Accounts of *Andrew M'Nair*, Doorkeeper to the House, for the victualling and attending different Companies of *Indians* lately in Town, amounting to *Twenty-eight Pounds Two Shillings* and *Nine-pence*; and a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn by Order at the Table, and signed by the Speaker, was delivered by Mr. *Fox*, to the said *M'Nair*.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a List of the Draughts and Certificates requested by the Governor last Night, presented the same at the Table, which, being read by Order, was agreed to.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and pre-*

venting Frauds in the collecting and paying the said Excise," and after some Time spent therein, the Question being put, Whether the House will adhere to the Bill?—It was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

Ordered, That Mr. *Israel Jacobs* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, acquaint him that the House adhere to the same, and deliver the List of Draughts and Certificates requested for his Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Excise Bill, and deliver the List of Draughts and Certificates, reported they had done the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into further Consideration.

The Committee to whom the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks," was recommitted for Amendment, reported the same with some Alterations, which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, again sent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in the collecting and paying the said Excise,*" and acquainted the House that he adhered to his proposed Amendments to the said Bill.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions from divers insolvent Debtors were referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they have examined into the several Cases of the Petitioners in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, and find,

That *John Durkee* had given proper Notice of the Committee's Meeting, and that no Person appeared to object to his obtaining the Relief he applied for.

That some of the Creditors of *William Faries* appeared and were satisfied that he should be relieved agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

That *John Cameron*, one of the Creditors of *John Gillard*, objected to his Discharge, saying, "that the Petitioner's Father, who lives in the *West-Indies*, would pay the Debt, in Case the Petitioner would leave his Wife," which, the Petitioner says, in Honour and Conscience he cannot do.

That no Creditors appeared to oppose the Discharge of *Charles Hicks*.

That the Creditors of *John Reynolds* (except *Peter Turner*) are not against his Discharge and taking a Dividend of his Effects.

That *William Bennet* and *Felix M'Cowan*, now confined in the Gaol of *York* County, appear to be Persons who merit the Relief they pray for.

March 3, 1772.

Submitted to the House by

JOSEPH FERREE, ROWLAND EVANS,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN BROWN,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, GEORGE ROSS."

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," being transcribed according to Order, and in Part read the third time, the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 4, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the third Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," which being gone through, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *William Mitchell* to the late Assembly against *Isaac Sanders*, Esq; of the County of *Lancaster*, was referred for Enquiry, reported, that, on due Examination into the Matters alledged in the said Petition, they find the same to be frivolous and malicious; whereupon the said Petition was dismissed by the House.

The said Committee also presented to the Chair a Report in Writing on the Petition of *Richard Stevens*, an insolvent Debtor, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed to hear *Richard Stevens* and his Creditors, beg Leave to report, that the said *Stevens* by an Instrument of Writing, bearing Date the Sixteenth Day of *February*, 1767, for and in Consideration of the several

Debts and Sums of Money by him then due and owing to *Adam Hoops*, and several others, Creditors of the said *Richard Stevens*, and for and towards Payment of the same, and for and in the further Consideration of *Ten Shillings*, did assign, transfer and set over to the said *Adam Hoops*, *John Mease*, *John Startin*, *Nathan Hide* and *Robert Morris*, five of his principal Creditors, all his Estate real and personal, whatsoever and wheresoever, in Trust to them, or any three of them, and to the Survivors and Survivor of them, to sell and dispose of, and the Monies arising from the Sale thereof, (after paying Charges, *&c.)* to pay and distribute towards the Payment and Discharge of all the Debts due from the said *Richard Stevens* to his Creditors ratably and in Proportion to their several and respective Demands;—that the said *Richard Stevens* did deliver into his said Assignees and Creditors a List of his Estate real and personal, and of all Debts due to him, as well as of all Debts due from him to his several Creditors, to the Truth of which he duly qualified by an Oath taken on the Twenty-sixth Day of *February*, 1767, before *James Humphreys*, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, duly authorized for that Purpose;—that the said *Richard Stevens* did also procure from *Susanna* his Wife an Instrument of Writing, bearing Date the Fourth Day of *March*, 1767, whereby she, the said *Susanna*, did release to the said *Adam Hoops*, and other Trustees, all her Right of Dower in or to the said Estate by him assigned over. All which was done by the Advice of his Creditors called together to take a View of his Affairs, as appears by an original Letter now produced from *John Startin*, *Nathan Hide* and *Robert Morris* to Colonel *John Reid*, and others, Creditors of the said *Richard Stevens*, and dated the Twenty-seventh Day of *February*, 1767, wherein they propose, in Consideration thereof, "that his Creditors should sign a total Discharge to him as is customary here on the like Occasions;" and further, that, upon his procuring sufficient Security for the faithful Discharge of the Trust, that they would give him a Power of Attorney to transact the whole Affairs of his Estate, subject to their Inspection and Orders from Time to Time, which Security the said *Richard Stevens* did procure, as appears by a Letter from *Philip Kearny*, *John Stevens* and *James Parker*, dated at *Perth Amboy*, the Thirtieth Day of *April*, 1767;—which Security not having been taken by the Trustees, the Estate of the said *Richard Stevens* remains in their Hands or Power for the Use of his Creditors;

—that, in Consequence of the said Engagements, the Creditors, a few excepted, have signed a full Discharge.

Submitted to the House by

George Ross,	Rowland Evans,
Joseph Ferree,	John Brown,
William Edmonds,	John Jacobs, jun."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the said *Richard Stevens*, with respect to the Confinement of his Person.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The following Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money from the Persons therein named*;"—"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Advancement of Justice, and more certain Administration thereof*;"—"*An Act for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants*;"—"*An Act for explaining and better ascertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of* Bedford;"—"*An Act to enable the Owners of the Lands called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the Township of* Bristol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch through the said Swamp, and to raise Money to defray the Expence thereof*;"—"*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*;"—"*An Act to enable the Commissioners therein named, to settle the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery set up and drawn for repairing the Meeting-House and building or repairing the House for the Residence of the Minister of the Presbyterian Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to sue for and recover such Sums of Money as remain due and unpaid on account of the said Lottery*," and, "*An Act for the Recovery of Legacies*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor and deliver the same, together with the Loan-Office Bill, for his Consideration and Assent.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 5, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the several Bills passed Yesterday, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

A Petition from *Catherine Myer* and *Jacob Smith*, Administrators of *Isaac Myer*, late of *Heidleberg* Township, in the County of *Lancaster*, deceased, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they understand *Henry Mosser* has by Petition applied to a former Assembly, for a Bill to be passed into a Law for vacating and making void a certain Deed executed by him to the said late *Isaac Myer* for a Tract of Land in the Township aforesaid, which said Deed is dated the Twenty-ninth Day of *January*, 1769, and recorded in the Office for recording of Deeds in the said County in Book *P*, Page 58; that the Petitioners are satisfied, and have therefore no Objection to the passing of a Law for vacating and making void the said Deed, and to enable the said *Henry Mosser* to hold the Lands therein and thereby granted, in as full a Manner as he held the same before making of the said Deed, provided they be not thereby made chargeable with any Expence on Account of the same.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to take into Consideration the Expediency of building another Market-House in the City of *Philadelphia*, for the better Accommodation of People bringing from the Country their Produce to Market, with the most proper Place for that Purpose, and make Report thereon to the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act against Fornication and Adultery*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a new County to the Westward of *Susquehanna*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to dissolve the Marriage of* George Kehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Elizabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again,*" and "*An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Land situate in the Borough of* Chester, *in the County of* Chester, *to keep their Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in good Repair,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of such Persons as conscientiously scruple the taking of an Oath in the common Form,*" which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 6, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for keeping the Records and other public Papers of the County of *Bucks* at *New-Town*, in the said County.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed Yesterday, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

A Memorial to his Honour the Governor from *John Arbo*, of *Bethlehem*, in the County of *Northampton*, Gentleman, the Treasurer of the Mites that are contributed by charitable People for the Support of the Mission among a Number of *Indian* Families at *Wyalusing*, Sixty Miles Northward of *Waomick*, and other *Indian* Families living at *Sheshequanunk*, near *Diahogo*, professing Faith in JESUS CHRIST, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the greater Part of the said *Indians*, in the Spring of the Year 1765, proceeded from the City of *Philadelphia*, and with the certain Knowledge and Approbation of this Government settled at *Wyalusing* aforesaid, where they have built, besides many *Indian* Huts or Cabins, upwards of Thirty good Log-Houses, some with shingled Roofs and glassed Windows, a Church and

School-house, not inferiour to many that have been built by wealthy Farmers in this Province, and cleared considerable Quantities of Upland and Meadow, all in Fences, some of the Fences being two Miles in Length; that in *October*, 1768, the Chiefs and Sachems of the *Six United Nations* of *Indians* sold to the Honourable the Proprietaries a large Tract of Land, in which the said *Indian* Town and Improvements at *Wyalusing* were comprehended;—that on the Twenty-fourth of *February*, 1769, some Deputies of these *Indians* petitioned the Honourable *John Penn*, Esq; for a Grant or Assurance of the Lands they had settled on, which was so far answered in Favour of their Petition, that his Honour would not dispose of those Lands, nor of any Lands within Five Miles from their Settlement, to any Person whatsoever;—that since that Time Numbers of white People have settled below and above them, and the *Connecticut* Intruders, with some *Pennsylvanians* that have joined them, are come too near their Town;—that all the savage *Indians* of the North, who travel into this and the neighbouring Provinces go by the Way of *Wyalusing*, and any Outrages they may commit are laid to the Charge of the *Indians* at *Wyalusing*;—that these Consideration have induced them to leave their valuable Improvements, which they made before the new Purchase on Lands assigned them by the great Council of *Onandago*, and to move in the Month of *May* next, Westward to the other Side of the *Ohio*;—that as soon as this Resolution was taken, the *Indians* in *September*, 1771, by one of their Missionaries, Mr. *David Zeisberger*, informed the Honourable *James Hamilton*, Esq; then President of the Council of this Province, of their Intentions, and at the same Time mentioned, that these *Indians* designed to apply to Government for some Compensation for their Improvements, or that the Government might purchase the same, which they might have sold to private Persons, had they had any Grant or Licence from the Proprietaries, or even so much as Thousands have had from them at the Price of *Seven Shillings*;—that Mr. *Hamilton* was pleased to say, "that the new Governor was soon expected, and it would be a proper Time when his Honour arrived, if the Assembly was sitting, for the *Wyalusing Indians* to present their Request;—that the *October* Session was too short to call the *Indians* down to *Philadelphia*, and since the Meeting of the House in *January* the Communication with *Wyalusing* has been entirely cut off by the deep Snow that is on the other Side of the Mountain, but as soon as the Roads are passable it is expected a Deputation of *Indians* will attend the Governor with a Petition;—that the

Memorialist heartily wishes Success to their Application, and that a Number of *Christian Indians*, who, for the Sake of their Fidelity and Attachment to his Majesty and his Government in this Province, have at different Times sustained the Loss of all their Substance, may meet with the Relief and Assistance they hope for and stand in need of;—that the Memorialist has a further Reason for presenting this Memorial, derived from a Motive of Duty, and thinks it incumbent on him to make known to the Governor that the said *Indians* will certainly move in the Month of *May* next, in order that his Honour might consider whether it will be for the Safety of the Public to leave the *Indian* Improvements open for any of the Rabble, collecting in the Neighbourhood of them, to take Possession of so convenient a Settlement, which may well accommodate and maintain Two Hundred of those People; or if Government should not judge it best to take Possession of the said Improvements, that his Honour might direct what shall be done in respect to them, upon the Removal of the *Indians*, as the Memorialist is anxious to guard against the Consequences of this Event, being charged on the *Indians* aforesaid, or the charitable Societies contributing to the Missions among them.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising a Fund to defray the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

A Memorial to the House of Representatives from the aforementioned *John Arbo*, of *Bethlehem*, was also presented to the Chair, read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The MEMORIAL *of* JOHN ARBO, *of* Bethlehem, *in* Northampton *County, Agent for the Missionaries of the* United Brethren *among the* Indians *in this Government, and Treasurer of the Collections made among the said* Brethren *for the Support of the Missions.*

YOUR MEMORALIST humbly begs Leave to inform this Honourable House, That the *Christian Indians* settled at *Wyolusing* and *Sheshequa*, on *Susquehanna*, about Two Hundred and Fifty in Number, intended to send down to *Phila-*

delphia in the Month of *January* last some Deputies, to present their humble Petitions to the Governor and Assembly of this Province for two different Purposes, but the Roads on the other Side of the Mountain, on account of the deep Snow and overflowing of the Waters, have hitherto been impassable, and it is supposed their Deputies will arrive when the House shall have adjourned.—Your Memorialist has informed his Honour the Governor of the Substance of the Application they would make to him;—but to this Honourable House the said *Indians* intended to petition for a small Present towards their Journey from *Wyolusing* and *Sheshecununk* to *Muckingham* River and *Beaver* Creek, on the other Side of the *Ohio*, to which they will go in the Month of *May* next:—This is the third of their Emigrations within Fifteen Years; the Reason of the two first will ever be remembered in the Annals of *Pennsylvania*, the Reason of the third comes from the own Apprehensions of the *Indians*; and since the Proprietaries have purchased the Lands of *Wyolusing*, on which they have made their valuable Improvements, [the white People settling above and below them, the *Connecticut* Claimants, with the Outcasts of this and other provinces, who oppose the Government, swarming in the Neighbourhood, and all the Savages of the North travelling by the Way of their Settlement] they think it is high Time for them to retire into an *Indian* Country; for, notwithstanding their sincere and unshaken Attachment to his Majesty's Government of this Province, as they know they are not expert at salving Appearances, they cannot but be afraid that their Innocence and Complexion will stand little Chance against the Suspicions, Insinuations and Charges that are or may be conceived, made and laid against them from the indifferent Neighbourhood in which they live.—They are the same *Indians* and their Children that were protected and maintained at the *Province Island* and the Barracks, (of which they retain a grateful Remembrance) with a few more that from a Conviction of the Gospel have acceded to them.—Your Memorialist has no Orders or Instructions to present such like Petition on Behalf of the said *Indians*,—but as he knows for certain that the Communication between *Wyolusing* and *Philadelphia* has been entirely cut off these two Months, he begs Leave to intercede and pray, that your Honourable House would be pleased to make an Order, that when the Deputies of the said *Indians* shall arrive during the Adjournment of the House, they might meet with some Comfort provided for them, *&c.*"

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the following Bills, respectively entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Advancement of Justice, and more certain Administration thereof;*"—"*An Act to enable the Commissioners therein named to settle the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery set up and drawn for repairing the Meeting-House and building or repairing the House for the Residence of the Minister of the Presbyterian Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to sue for and recover such Sums of Money as remain due and unpaid on account of the said Lottery;*"—"*An Act to enable the Owners of the Lands called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the Township of* Bristol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch through the said Swamp, and to raise Money to defray the Expence thereof;*"—"*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province;*"—"*An Act for explaining and better ascertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of* Bedford;"—"*An Act to dissolve the Marriage of* George Kehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Elizabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again;*" and, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Meadow-Land, situate in the Borough of* Chester, *in the County of* Chester, *to keep their Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in good Repair,*" and acquainted the House his Honour would be ready to pass the said Bills into Laws when presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 7, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *Richard Stevens*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford *into a separate County,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Adam Simon Kuhn, *in and to a certain Lot of Ground, with the Buildings thereon, in the Borough of* Lancaster, *one of the*

Title Deeds whereof is lost," being also read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for keeping the Records and other public Papers of the County of *Bucks at New-Town*, in the said County, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill for confirming the Estate of *John Pawling*, *Joseph Pawling*, and others, of, in and to a Tract of Land in the County of *Philadelphia*, which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

March 9, 1772.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 10, 1772.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a considerable Number of Inhabitants of *Bedford* County, on the West-Side of *Laurel Hill*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they labour under innumerable Inconveniences and distressing Difficulties by having their Courts of Justice held at *Bedford*, at so great a Distance from them, (who have for the most Part exposed their Lives and Fortunes to the greatest Dangers in settling Lands in the midst of the *Indians)* which, at the lowest Computation, is upwards of Fifty Miles from any one Inhabitant on this Side the said *Laurel Hill*, and upwards of an Hundred to the most inhabited Part of the said County, which Distance, together with the extreme Badness of the Roads, greatly increase the Fees to Sheriffs and other Officers, to the Ruin almost of many Persons who are sued by common Process of Law for small Sums of Money;—that, as the Petitioners are seated in the best inhabited Part of the said County on the said West-Side of *Laurel Hill*, they hope to be able to build and support all public Buildings necessary for a County Town:—Wherefore they humbly pray, the Honourable House would take the Premises into Consideration, and enable them, by a Law for that Purpose, to hold a Court of Justice somewhere near the Center of the Inhabitants on the West-Side of *Laurel Hill* aforesaid.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money from the Persons therein named*," and, "*An Act for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants*," and acquainted the House that his Honour would be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed.

With the above Bills Mr. Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Recovery of Legacies*," with some Amendments thereto, which being read by Order, and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of such Persons as conscientiously scruple the taking an Oath in the common Form*;"—"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An Act against Adultery and Fornication*;"—and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Adam Simon Kuhn *in and to a certain Lot of Ground, with the Buildings thereon, in the Borough of* Lancaster, *one of the Title Deeds whereof is lost*," being transcribed according to Order, and read the third time, were compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Sellers* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," with a written Message thereon, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'AFTER mature Deliberation on the Bill for emitting the Sum of *Two Hundred Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for Payment of the public Debts, I am sorry to acquaint you, that I find it liable to such Objections as prevent my passing it in its present Form into a Law. Those Objections I at first intended to communicate to you by way of Amendments; but in attempting this, I found the necessary Alterations would make so very great a Change in the Frame of the Bill, that I rather chose to return it to you in this Manner, with an Assurance that I shall have no Objection to the passing a Bill for the same Purpose, pro-

vided the Sum to be emitted be considerably less than what you have proposed, and the Plan of it more similar to former Laws of this Kind, the Utility of which the People of the Province have had a long Experience of.

March 10, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.'*

The Accounts of *Gordon* and *Traxler* for *Indian* Expences, amounting to *Fifteen Pounds Twelve Shillings* and *Four-pence*, having been referred to the Committee of Accounts for Examination, and by them reported to be a Debt against the Province, were ordered to be paid by the Provincial Commissioners out of the Fund appropriated by Law for defraying *Indian* Expences.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the three Bills passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the safe Keeping and Preserving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message, sent down with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for Payment of the public Debts*," and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message of this Morning.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Remonstrance to the Governor upon the Misconduct of *Charles Jolly*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, and agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Six o'Clock, and met again.

The Committee reported a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message, which being read, and, after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 11, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message of Yesterday, and an Address to his Honour concerning *Charles Jolly*, Esq; being transcribed according to Order, were compared at the Table, signed by the Speaker, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

May it please your Honour,

WE have attentively considered your Message relating to the Bill for emitting *Two Hundred Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for Payment of the Public Debts, and as the Objects of it are public Revenue, and the Improvement, Population and Commerce of the Province, we are sorry it should appear to the Governor liable to such Objections that he cannot pass it in its present Form into a Law.

The House finding themselves under a Necessity, from the Change which the Province has undergone by its late extensive Settlements, to deviate from the Plan of former Loan-Office Bills, and desirous that the one under Consideration should meet with the Governor's Assent, spent much Time in digesting its Form, and adapting the several Parts to the present local Circumstances of the People and their Estates, adhering as much as reasonably might be to the Plans of former Laws. In doing this they thought, and still think, that they had framed the Bill on the most eligible Plan.

Under this Opinion they cannot but wish that the Governor had put in Practice his first Intention of communicating his Objections to the House by way of Amendment, or, at least, by generally pointing out in his Message those Principles of the Bill which he conceived to be improper for his Assent. Either of those Modes would have enabled the House to consider the Objections which subsist with the Governor, to have given them their due Weight, and, on a Concurrence of Sentiments with him, to have either adopted his Amendments, or framed a new Bill more suitable to answer the good Purposes intended.

But the Governor, we hope, will easily perceive the Difficulty he lays us under, when he assures us, "that he shall have no Objection to the passing a Bill for the same Purposes, provided the Plan of it be more similar to former Laws of this Kind," without particularly pointing out his Objections, or informing us in what Parts he would wish it to be "more similar," and thereby leaving it an Impossibility for us to discover the Reasons of his Dissent.

We thank the Governor for the Assurance he gives us, "that he shall have no Objection to the passing a Bill more similar to former Laws of this Kind," and we hope the same good Disposition will induce him to reconsider the Bill sent up, and either pass it into a Law, or be more explicit in communicating his Objections.

Signed by Order of the House,
March 11, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

To the HONOURABLE *RICHARD PENN*, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of PENNSYLVANIA.

The ADDRESS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN of the said Province.

WE, the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in General Assembly met, having received repeated Complaints against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, charging him with divers Misdemeanors and corrupt Practices in his public Offices, and heard the Witnesses and Proofs in his Presence, as well for as against him, and being fully convinced, that, regardless of the important Trust reposed in him by Government for the Safety of the People, and influenced by an avaricious and corrupt Disposition, he hath greatly oppressed divers of his Majesty's Subjects in the said County, by issuing original Process, and thereupon an Execution without finding any Debt due, or passing Judgment in a Case where he had no Jurisdiction, in granting Warrants, and proceeding to Judgments and Executions against one Person for the Debt of another, in entering Judgment against the Party without hearing him, or giving him an Opportunity of being heard, and in marrying Persons without any Publication of the Bans of Matrimony, contrary to Law.

Firmly persuaded, your Honour is sensible that the Respect due to Government, and upon which its Authority and the Security of the Rights of the Subject greatly depend, cannot be well maintained by Men exercising its executive Powers without either Abilities or Integrity, we intreat the Governor to remove the said *Charles Jolly* from his Offices of Judge of the Common Pleas and Justice of the Peace.

Signed by Order of the House,
March 11, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Sellers* wait on the Governor and deliver the foregoing Answer and Address, to-

gether with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for Payment of the public Debts,*" for his further Consideration.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford *into a separate County,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Swoope* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Address from the House, their Answer to his Message, and the Loan-Office Bill, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take them into immediate Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford *into a separate County,*" reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration, and give it all the Dispatch in his Power.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estates of* John Pawling, Joseph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler *and* Andrew Heizer *in and to certain Lands in the County of* Philadelphia," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person,*" which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 12, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Reply to the Answer of the House to his Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather*," and after some Debate thereon, referred the same to further Consideration.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Samuel Phipps *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Goshen, *in the County of* Chester," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the safe Keeping and Preserving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Foulke* wait on the Governor therewith, and deliver the Bill passed Yesterday, for his Assent to the same.

Upon Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Circumstances of divers insolvent Debtors in the Gaols of the City of *Philadelphia* and County of *York*, who have petitioned the House for Relief,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the said Debtors, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills above-mentioned, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take them into his immediate Consideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of certain insolvent Debtors, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the Public Debts*," with a written Message thereon, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'AS I sincerely wish to promote the real Interest and Wel-

fare of the Province, so I would readily and chearfully concur with you in any Measure which I conceived might effect so desirable a Purpose. When I communicated to you by my last Message the Terms on which I was willing to pass a Loan-Office Bill, I imagined I had been sufficiently explicit in pointing out my principal Objections to the Bill before me, so as to enable the House to frame another within the Compass of any short and reasonable Amendments which might appear necessary. I am, however, very willing to give you the Satisfaction you desire of explaining myself further on the Subject.

'When I proposed for your Imitation the Plan of former Loan-Office Laws, by which one general Loan-Office was established at *Philadelphia*, under the Direction of Trustees named in the Acts, I meant to signify my Disapprobation of such a total Deviation from them as the Establishment of Offices in the several Counties, and the Manner of appointing Trustees by the Commissioners of the Counties in Conjunction with any three Justices of the Peace; a Measure which appears to me liable to many great Inconveniences. And as a great Part of the Bill relates to the Duty of such Trustees, my Amendments to it, had I proceeded in that Way, would of Course have been very numerous.

'Besides these Objections to the general Plan of the Bill, I think it proper to mention another of no less Consequence, I mean the Manner of providing for the Succession of the Joint-Treasurers and Trustees, in Case of Death or Resignation, which appears to me very exceptional in excluding the Governor from a Share with the Assembly in the Appointment of the new Trustees.

'If, Gentlemen, you should, on further Consideration, concur with me in these Sentiments, and think proper to frame a new Bill conformable thereto, I shall with Pleasure agree to pass it into a Law.

March 12, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

With the foregoing the Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Four Thousand Pounds *for the Purposes therein mentioned,*" and delivered therewith a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'AS you have made the Bill "for granting to his Majesty the Sum of *Four Thousand Pounds* for the Purposes therein mentioned" dependant upon that for altering and extending

the Excise Laws, when you thought proper to drop the one by rejecting my proposed Amendments, you put it out of my Power to pass the other. I must therefore request that you will consider of some Means to raise the necessary Supply for his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Province.

March 12, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

The Secretary likewise delivered the three following Bills, *viz.* "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act against Adultery and Fornication;*"—"*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Adam Simon Kuhn *in and to a certain Lot of Ground, with the Buildings thereon, in the Borough of* Lancaster, *one of the Title Deeds whereof is lost;*"——and, "*An Act for the Relief of such Persons as conscientiously scruple the taking an Oath in the common Form;*" and acquainted the House that his Honour would be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

The following written Message from the Governor was also laid before the House by the Secretary:

GENTLEMEN,

'I SHALL take such Notice of your Address, requesting the Removal of *Charles Jolly* from his Offices of Judge of the Common Pleas and Justice of the Peace, as I hope will prove satisfactory to the House.

March 12, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message sent down with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Four Thousand Pounds *for the Purposes therein mentioned,*" and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans,* Mr. *Rhoads,* Mr. *James,* Mr. *Rodman,* Mr. *Watson,* Mr. *Morton,* Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

The House then adjourned to Six o'Clock, and met again.

The Committee reported they had essayed a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message of this Morning, which being read, and, after some Consideration, agreed to by the House, was transcribed, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

In the Beginning of this Sitting, the House finding it necessary to provide for paying the Arrears of the public Debts, and supplying his Majesty's Troops in their Quarters, prepared two

Bills for those Purposes. One of them for raising the Money by extending and making the Excise on spirituous Liquors more equal; the other granting to his Majesty *Four Thousand Pounds* out of the Bills to be emitted by the first for supplying the Troops in their Quarters. These were sent up for the Governor's Assent, but he was pleased to propose Amendments to the first, which, on mature Deliberation, the House could by no Means admit, and adhering to their Bill, they again sent it up to the Governor for his further Consideration, in hope that its Importance to his Majesty's Service and the Province, with the Reason and Equity, on which, in all its Parts, it was founded, would prevail on him to pass it into a Law.

As the House was sincerely disposed to concur with the Governor in every Measure tending to the Public Welfare, and particularly in granting the necessary Supplies to his Majesty, it gave them real Concern to find, on the Return of the Bill, that he had rejected it by adhering to his proposed Amendments.

Thus Matters respecting this Bill have rested, until your Honour's Message of this Day, requesting that we "will consider of some Means to raise the necessary Supplies for his Majesty's Troops."——Upon which we beg Leave to observe, that, continuing in our former Sentiments respecting the Bills rejected by the Governor, we know of no Means of complying with his Desire so proper as that of putting it once more in his Power to pass those Bills into Laws, which we do, by again submitting them to his candid Consideration.

Signed by Order of the House,

March 12, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Minshall* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Message, and return to his Honour the Excise Bill, and the "*Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Four Thousand Pounds *for the Purposes therein mentioned*," for his further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 13, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message sent down with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Faries, John Gillard, Charles Hicks *and* John Reynolds, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* William Bennet *and Felix* M'Cowan, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* York *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for laying out public Highways and other Roads within this Province, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, praying to be enabled by the Loan of a Sum of Money, to be struck for that Purpose, to erect a Poor-House in the said County, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill at the next Sitting of Assembly for erecting a House for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the said County of *Bucks*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 14, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Accounts of *James Webb* and *Joseph Ferree*, Esqrs. for Expences and Services in laying out a Road from the Middle Ferry on *Schuylkill* to the Village of *Strasburg*, in the County of *Lancaster*, being laid before the House for Payment, as a Provincial Expence, the Question was put, Whether the same shall be paid as such?—

Carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

The Committee appointed to consider the Expediency of building a new Market-House in the City of *Philadelphia*, and the properest Situation for the same, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Necessity of building a Market-House in the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Accommodation of People bringing from the Country their Produce to Market, with the most convenient Place for that Purpose, beg Leave to report, that, having duly attended thereto, we find there is a great Occasion for suitable and convenient Buildings for the said Purpose, and think they may be erected in *Market-street*, beginning near *Third-street* and continuing Westward as far as may be found necessary; which, when done, we are of Opinion will much better accommodate those who bring the Produce of the Country for Sale, as well as the Buyers, than any other Place we can point out.

All which is submitted to the House by

March 14, 1772.

MICHAEL SWOOPE, ROWLAND EVANS,
WILLIAM ALLEN, ABEL JAMES,
HENRY CHREIST, JOSEPH WATSON,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN JACOBS, jun."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, *Mr. Rodman*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to confer with some of the Members of the Corporation of the City of *Philadelphia* on the Subject of the said Report.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estates of* John Pawling, Joseph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler *and* Andrew Heizer *in and to certain Lands in the County of* Philadelphia," and, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Faries, John Gillard, Charles Hicks *and* John Reynolds, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* William Bennet *and* Felix M'Cowan, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of the County of* York, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third Time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," being also transcribed according to Order, and read the third time, the Question was called for and put, Whether the said Bill shall pass the House and be sent to the Governor for his Assent?—*Carried in the Negative by a great Majority.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the safe Keeping and Preserving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," and,

"*An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same into Laws when presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

March 16, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed on *Saturday* last, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration.

A Petition from *Amos Ogden*, late an Inhabitant of *Wyoming*, in Behalf of himself and other Sufferers on the Branches of the River *Susquehanna*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in the Year 1768, soon after the late Purchase was made from the *Indians*, sundry Families to the Number of Forty or Fifty, obtained Leave from the Honourable the Governor to settle on the Manors at *Wyoming*, which being then clear, were fit for immediate Cultivation; that the Petitioner with some of his Brothers, who had lived there several Years by Permission of the *Indians* and the Honourable Sir *William Johnson*, procured Leases at the same Time for Part of the Manor, and upon the Land-Office being opened in *April*, 1769, Applications were made by some Hundreds of Persons for Lands on the North-East Branch of *Susquehanna*, and many Families removed and settled in that Part of the Country, under the Protection and Title of this Government; —that pretty early in the Spring of 1769, a Number of People from *New-England*, armed and in an hostile and riotous Manner harrassed the Settlers at *Wyoming*, possessed themselves of a considerable Part of the Manor, where they erected a Stockade and during the Summer Season committed many Outrages, for which they were indicted by the Grand Inquest of the County of *Northampton*, and his Majesty's Writs were issued for apprehending them. In Consequence whereof some of them were taken, and the rest gave up the Possession, leaving about a Dozen of them to feed their Cattle and take Care of their Effects, till they could be removed the Spring following;—that in the Month of *February* 1770, a certain *Lazarus Stewart*, and sundry other Persons from *Hanover* Township, and Parts adjacent, in *Lancaster* County,

having privately assembled themselves with the *New-England* Rioters, by Force and Arms entered the Settlement of *Wyoming*, destroying the Goods, burning the Houses, and seizing the Cattle and Effects of the peaceable Inhabitants.—In this general Calamity the Petitioner suffered a Loss in dry Goods, Peltry, Cattle and other Effects to the Amount of several Hundred Pounds, and was obliged to take Refuge with the other Sufferers in the interior Parts of the Province;—that in *September*, 1770, the Sheriff of *Northampton* County having received the necessary Process, apprehended such of the Rioters as were then at *Wyoming*, by which the Settlers were again restored to the ruined Remains of their former Possessions;—that about three Months after this the above-mentioned *Lazarus Stewart* with his Associates once more entered the Settlement, treated the Inhabitants in the most cruel Manner, robbed them of the Remainder of their Goods, and obliged the wretched Sufferers a second time to seek Refuge among their former Neighbours;—that in *January*, 1771, the Sheriff of the said County, with the Posse, having received Process, went to *Wyoming* in order to apprehend the Rioters; on this Occasion the above-named *Lazarus Stewart* and his Associates, after basely murdering *Nathan Ogden*, the Brother of the Petitioner, fled the Province, and the Settlement was a third time possessed by the original Inhabitants.—That in the Month of *February*, 1771, Proof being made of the above Murder, Robberies and Violences, the Legislature of this Province was pleased to offer a Reward for apprehending *Lazarus Stewart*, and sundry other Persons, and bringing them to Justice, and his Honour's Proclamation issued for that Purpose; notwithstanding of which, in the Month of *July*, 1771, the said *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices, being joined by sundry other Persons from *New-England* and elsewhere, to the Amount of One Hundred, in open Contempt of Government and every Kind of lawful Authority, entered the Settlement of *Wyoming* again by Force and Arms, where they surrounded the Houses of the peaceable Settlers, murdered *William Richards*, and wounded several others, among whom the Petitioner had the unhappy Fate of seeing another Brother wounded and disabled for Life.——The miserable Inhabitants, to the Number of Forty Families, who were settled under the Faith and Protection of Government, were driven again from their Habitations, leaving their Crops of Grain, their Cattle and other Effects, and obliged to fly almost naked to shelter themselves in different Parts of the

Country, where they now subsist on the Charity of their Friends;—that the Rioters and Murderers having thus obtained Possession of the Settlement, continue to fortify themselves and live on the Spoils of the Petitioner and other unfortunate Inhabitants, and now consist of some Hundreds of lawless Persons, whose Circumstances are too desperate to admit of their Return to civil Society, and have made this Part of the Country a Place of Resort for every bad Man who chuses to fly from Justice, and every Servant that thinks fit to desert his Master; hence they daily become more formidable and more cruel as their Wants increase, intimidating the peaceable Inhabitants in their Route from following their necessary Employments for the Support of their Families, whereby the Cultivation and Settlement of the Country is prevented, and many People obliged to leave the Province; that it is well known this Banditti have sundry recruiting-Parties out, and that they publicly declare they expect to muster at least a Thousand fighting Men early in the Spring, and will extend their Possessions to the West Branches of *Susquehanna*, and dispossess such of the Inhabitants as refuse to join them in their lawless Measures: Wherefore, in Consideration of the distressed Condition of many Families already brought to Ruin, as well as the fatal Consequences to the Province from many of its Inhabitants being robbed, plundered and kept in continual Danger, the Laws of the Province set at Defiance, every Kind of Property within the Reach of this Banditti rendered unsafe, and the Officers of Government treated with Contempt, and even assassinated in attempting to execute his Majesty's Writs, the Petitioner, humbly confident that the Honourable Representatives of the Freemen of *Pennsylvania* must hold such Men and Measures in the utmost Detestation, most earnestly prays that they will be pleased to take the Premises into their serious Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them in their Wisdom shall seem expedient.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford *into a separate County*," with some Amendments thereto, which were read by Order, and being agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

Mr. Secretary also brought down a written Message from the Governor to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'WHEN in my last Message to the House I requested that you would "consider of some Means to raise the Supplies necessary for the Support of his Majesty's Troops quartered within this Province," I did not expect that you would again have returned to me the Bill for "*extending and making the Excise on spirituous Liquors more equal.*" However, since you have thought proper, in so particular a Manner, to recommend it once more to my Consideration, I shall not decline bestowing upon it such further Attention as it may require.

'I have no Doubt of your being perfectly convinced that this Bill is, in all its Parts, founded in Reason and Equity, and that it is of great Importance to the Service of the Crown and the Welfare of the Province:——At the same Time give me Leave to assure you, that, upon the most deliberate Consideration, I can, at present, discover no Cause to apprehend that this Bill, under the Amendments proposed, would answer all its Purposes less effectually, than if it should continue in its original Form.

'This is at present my candid unbiassed Opinion, and I cannot willingly recede from my Amendments, unless the House, by communicating the Reasons upon which they have formed their Judgment, may happily correct mine.

'As I really wish to promote the Welfare of the Province, so far from declining to receive Information, upon any Occasion, relative to this important End, I hope the House will do me the Justice to believe that I shall ever be ready to pay a proper Regard to it.

March 16, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message sent down with the Loan-Office Bill, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, was, after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be transcribed.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Grievances do visit the Gaol of this City, and report to the House the State of the several Prisoners therein, with respect to the Food, Cloathing and Fire-Wood allowed to them.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a new Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Per-*

son," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 17, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of last Night, respecting the Excise-Bill, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

The House then adjourned to Twelve o'Clock, and met again.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported a Draught for that Purpose, which being read, and, after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message, respecting the Excise Bill, being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

WHEN we last sent up to your Honour the Bill "*for extending and making the Excise on spirituous Liquors more equal,*" we did not apprehend we acted a Part disagreeable to your Inclination, but were induced so to do, from the Intimation in your former Message attending the Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of *Four Thousand Pounds*, "that we had, by dropping the one, put it out of your Power to pass the other."—After your Honour had rejected the first-mentioned Bill, by adhering to your Amendments, we conceived, that, according to the strict Rules and Usage of Parliament, it was dropped by your Honour's own Act, not ours. Yet, to set Matters in their proper Light, and to prevent any Inconveniences which might arise from a mistaken Apprehension in your Honour, that we had "dropped" the Bill, we thought it necessary to wave those Rules, under an Expectation founded on your Message, that his Majesty's Service and the Good of the Province would be sufficiently prevalent to induce you

to enact it into a Law. And it is with Pleasure we find, that you have not, by your last Message, deprived us of that Hope.

Your Honour is pleased to inform us, "that you have no Doubt of our being perfectly convinced that this Bill is founded in Reason and Equity," and at the same Time to assure us, "that, upon the most deliberate Consideration, you can at present discover no Cause to apprehend, under the Amendments proposed, it would answer all its purposes *less effectually* than if it should continue in its original Form:—Upon which we beg Leave to observe, that as the Bill is intended to raise the Revenues of the Province, and to enable us to grant the necessary Aids to his Majesty, if under those Amendments it would not answer all its Purposes *more effectually*, we cannot conceive why your Honour should reject it, especially as it cannot with Propriety otherwise be said to be amended.

However, as your Honour is further pleased to intimate, that you cannot willingly recede from your Amendments, unless the House, by communicating the Reasons upon which they have formed their Judgment, respecting "the Reason and Equity of the Bill," may happily correct your Honour's; and as we are sincerely desirous to obtain a Measure of such public Consequence, we shall chearfully endeavor to do it:—The Bill in the Part, to which your Honour's proposed Amendments relate, renders spirituous Liquors imported by Persons for their own Consumption, and drawn without Entry, subject to Forfeiture, and their Houses liable to be searched in the Day-Time, upon its appearing to a Magistrate on Oath made that the Importer has drawn such Liquors without Entry. Now we apprehend it both reasonable and just, that such Persons, who will be so dishonest as to defraud the Government of those Revenues, which are necessary to its Support, and consequently to their own Safety and Protection, can merit but little Favour, and deservedly ought to incur a Forfeiture of the Goods. And when we considered, that the Duty is not to arise on the Importation, but on the Draught for Consumption, and hence that any Person importing may suffer his Liquors to remain by him for Years in his Vault or Cellar, and of Course not enter, but conceal them during the Time of Drawing, we knew of no Mode so proper to detect and prevent Frauds as to vest the Officer with a Power, on good Cause of Suspicion, to search for the Liquors so drawn contrary to the Intent of the Act. In this we did not proceed without Precedents set before us, both by the *British*

Parliament and preceding Assemblies.—In several Statutes for preventing Frauds in collecting the Revenue in *Great-Britain*, we find the like and more severe Provisions and Penalties.—By the Act of Assembly passed in the 31st of his late Majesty, the Officer held the like Power, without any Oath made, or Warrant issued; and the Excise-Law now in Force, and extended by the Bill before your Honour, there have been for many Years, and still are, severer Penalties and Restrictions laid on Retailers than are by this Clause on the Importers for their own Consumption.—In the Act for raising County-Rates, and the several Acts for granting Aids to the Crown, to be sunk by a Land-Tax, the Houses of every Inhabitant of this Province, and the most secret Parts of them, are liable to be broke open and entered, in Case of Non-payment of the Assessment, on a Precept from the County Commissioners.—Besides to subject the numerous Retailers within this Province to an Entry of their Houses, without Oath or Warrant, as is declared in Part of the Bill to which your Honour makes no Objection, and, at the same Time to exempt from such Entry, though upon Oath and Warrant, and impose a Penalty only on a few Importers for an equally injurious Breach of the Law, would, in our Opinion, be such a Deviation from the Rules of Equity and Impartiality as we cannot think justifiable to adopt.

It is with much Pleasure we receive the Governor's Assurance, that he "wishes to promote the Welfare of the Province, and that he is so far from declining to receive Information on any Occasion relative to that important End, that he hopes we will do him the Justice to believe that he shall ever be ready to pay a proper Regard to it," as it induces us to hope, after these Reasons and Precedents offered to his Consideration in Favour of so important and necessary a Bill, he will pass it without further Hesitation.

Signed by Order of the House,

March 17, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Watson* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Message, and deliver the same for his Consideration.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts alledged in the Petition of *William Mitchell*, and others, against *Isaac Sanders*, Esq; of the County of *Lancaster*, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

THAT the Committee had given Notice to the said *Isaac Sanders* of the Complaint made against him by *William Mit-*

chell, and others, and appointed him to attend on the Twentieth of last Month;—that they also gave Notice to *William Mitchell* to appear the same Day to support his Complaint;—that neither of the Parties did at the said Time, or have since appeared to prove or disprove the Matter in Dispute;—that the Committee have been informed the said *Isaac Sanders* was about that Time indisposed, and that he has sent several Depositions, which, if true, shew the Charge and Prosecution to be malicious.

	GEORGE ROSS,	ROWLAND EVANS,
March 17, 1772.	JOSEPH FERREE,	JOHN BROWN,
	WILLIAM EDMONDS,	JOHN JACOBS, jun."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 18, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message respecting the Loan-Office Bill, being transcribed according to Order, was read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

HAVING spent much Time in forming the Loan-Office Bill on such Principles as we apprehended would secure the Solidity of the Funds and Credit of the Bills, and at the same Time, give to all the Counties an equal Opportunity of participating in the Benefits to arise from the Loans, we thought we had performed that Part of our Duty on a Plan, the local Circumstances of the Province considered, the most unexceptionable. But as we find ourselves, notwithstanding, so unfortunate as to differ in Sentiments with the Governor on the Subject, and as he might otherwise be a Stranger to the Reasons and Motives of our Conduct in this Particular, we think it necessary to communicate them, so far as they relate to Objections mentioned in his last Message.

In our Estimation this Bill is one of the first Consequence to the public Interest and Welfare. We expected by it greatly to advance the Improvement, Population and Commerce of the Province, besides raising on the People, in the most easy and eligible Manner, a considerable Revenue. These important Objects in View, and earnestly desirous to accomplish them, we first debated and fully considered a Bill brought in on the Plan, recommended by your Honour, of former Loan-Office Laws. In these "the Establishment of Offices in the several Counties" was omitted, and the Legislature contented

themselves with instituting only one in *Philadelphia*, nor were more necessary to the infant State of the Province, when it consisted of four Counties only.—The People and their Settlements were confined within a narrow Compass, the Trustees from the neighbouring Counties could attend their Duty, and the Borrowers procure the Money, and make their annual Payments with little Trouble and Expence on the Days appointed; but upon applying this Plan to the present Circumstances of the Province, so essentially varying from those which existed at the Time it was adopted, and taking into our Consideration the Addition of five new Counties, the great Extent of their Settlements, the Distance of their Inhabitants from the City, the Difficulties, Trouble and Expence, which their Trustees in attending their Duty, and the People in procuring the Money and making their annual Payments would incur, it appeared to us, that adhering to the Form of the old Bills, in establishing but one Office, and that in *Philadelphia*, would operate in a great Measure to exclude the People who were peculiar Objects of the Bill, and, as many of them are indebted to the Proprietaries for Lands, stand most in need of its Aid, from a Participation in the Benefits to arise from the Loans.

From these Inconveniences, however calculated these Laws might be to the Situation of the Province at the Time they were framed, it seemed to us necessary in our present Bill, so far to deviate from them, as to put the five new Counties in a Capacity to partake of the Loans in common with the rest of the People.—To effectuate a Purpose so desirable and just, we knew of no Mode so adequate as that of instituting an "Office in the several Counties."

If then an Office in each County is necessary impartially and extensively to diffuse the Advantages to be derived from the Loans, and it be just (which your Honour does not seem to controvert) to oblige the several Counties to the Payment of their respective Deficiencies, which might arise from defective Titles and Want of Value in the Estates mortgaged, we thought it also but reasonable and just that the People, on whose Property those Deficiencies were to be levied, should have a Share in the Appointment of the Trustees, who were to judge of the Validity of those Titles and that Value. Nor were we apprehensive that "great Inconveniences," if any, would arise from vesting the Power of appointing them "in the Commissioners of the Counties, in Conjunction with any three Justices of the Peace," as in this, as well as in constituting an Officer in each County, we did not materially deviate from

that Policy which the Legislatures of neighbouring Colonies, whose Circumstances are in the Point before us similar to those of this Province, have for the like Reasons thought proper to adopt.

Thus your Honour will perceive, that if we have deviated from the old Forms, we have followed more applicable Precedents of a modern Date, which have met with his Majesty's Royal Approbation.

We assure the Governor, as he has been pleased to intimate that he has no Objection to a Loan-Office Bill, it is with real Concern we find that we have failed in obtaining his Concurrence in a Measure of so much public Importance, on a Difference of Sentiments respecting the Form; but after the unusual Length of our present Sitting, we must content ourselves with thus explaining the Reasons which moved us to fix on the present Plan of the Bill, in hope that on Consideration of them they will have their due Weight with the Governor.

Signed by Order of the House,

March 18, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Morton* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Message and deliver the same for his Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideratiin of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Samuel Phipps *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Goshen, *in the County of* Chester," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message on the Loan-Office Bill, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Answer into Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for conforming the Estate of* John Pawling, Joseph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler *and* Andrew Heizer *in and to certain Lands in the County of* Philadelphia," with some Amendments thereto, which being read and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Secretary also brought down the Bills, entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, for making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and*

other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the said Excise;"—"*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Four Thousand Pounds *for the Purposes therein mentioned;*"—and, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Faries, John Gillard, Charles Hicks *and* John Reynolds, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* William Bennet *and* Felix M'Cowan, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* York *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons;*" and acquainted the House that his Honour would be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for laying out Roads and Highways within this Province,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House took into Consideration the Governor's Reply to their Answer to his Amendments on the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather,*" and after some Time spent therein, the Question being put, Whether the House will admit the said Amendments into the Bill?—it was carried in the Affirmative, and the said Bill ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition of *John Johnson, of German-Town*, and others, respecting the Insanity and Marriage of *Rebecca Vanakin*, Widow, with a certain *John Martin*, and the Remonstrance of *Edward Milner* and *Jacob Hall*, Relations of the said *Martin*, together with the Evidence taken in Presence of the Parties by the Committee of Grievances in the Course of their Enquiry into the several Facts alleged by the Petitioners, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to declare and make void the said Marriage of *Rebecca Vanakin* with *John Martin*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 19,1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Memorial of *John Arbo*, of *Bethlehem*, after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Twenty-five Pounds* be allowed and given out of the *Indian* Fund for the Use of the *Wyalusing Indians*, shortly expected in Town, and that Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker* and Mr. *James* be hereby appointed to receive the said Sum with the Consent of the Governor, and apply it in such Manner as may be most agreeable to the said *Indians*.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Humphreys*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to agree for and purchase so much of the Lots on the North-Side of *Chestnut-street*, fronting the *State-House*, as will make a convenient Street through the said Lots into *Market-street*, if the same may be had at a reasonable Price, and make Report of their Proceedings therein to the Assembly.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to declare and make void the Marriage of *Rebecca Vanakin* with a certain *John Martin*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was, by special Order, again read, debated by Paragraphs, and ordered to be transcibed for a third Reading.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for laying out Roads and Highways within this Province*," and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Sellers* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and acquaint his Honour, that as the House incline to adjourn this Week, they request he will be pleased to appoint some Members of Council to assist in comparing the engrossed Copies of the Bills agreed on with their Originals.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 20, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed last Night, and the verbal Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration, and should appoint some Members of Council to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Samuel Phipps, *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Goshen, *in the County of* Chester," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *John Jacobs* wait on the Governor therewith, and also deliver the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin, *&c.*" and acquaint his Honour, that the House propose to adjourn to *Monday*, the Eighteenth Day of *May* next, if he has no Objection thereto.

A Petition from the Commissioners appointed by Law for improving the Navigation of the Rivers *Delaware* and *Leheigh* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in pursuance of the said Law, they, in the last Year, proceeded to provide Materials and employ Workmen to remove Obstructions, and render the said River *Delaware* navigable and have succeeded so far at the lower Great Falls, as to leave that Passage in a great Measure safe and easy for Boats and Rafts to pass. And at the dangerous Falls, commonly known by the Name of *Wells's* Falls, much Work has been done, and a good Prospect appears, that in the Course of another Year it may be improved to equal Advantage with the lower Falls;—that these being the grand Objects, the Success the Commissioners promise themselves therein, and the experience already obtained, leave them in full Expectation of finishing the Improvements in these Rivers, so as to answer all the good Purposes intended.—That the Petitioners beg Leave to refer to their Minutes and Accounts now ready to lay before the House, by which it will appear, that in the Course of the two last Years, there has been expended in this Work, about *Seven Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*;—that Subscriptions have been obtained to the Amount of *Four Hundred* and *Seventy-eight Pounds Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence* in and near this City, besides some Subscriptions in the upper Parts of this Province and *New-Jersey*, of which the Commissioners have yet no certain Account;—

that they have a good Prospect of procuring in a short Time Subscriptions, so as to make up in the Whole the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*; but as that Sum will be insufficient to discharge the Arrearages and to prosecute the Work much further, the Commissioners, relying on the good Disposition of the Honourable House towards this laudable Undertaking, which has already had the Countenance of the Legislature and with which the Commerce and Prosperity of the Province is so closely connected, pray that they will be pleased to take the Premises into their serious Consideration, and grant such provincial Aid therein as may enable the Petitioners to carry on and finish a Work of such public Utility.

On Consideration of the foregoing Petition,

Resolved, That a Certificate for the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, payable to the Commissioners appointed by Law for Improving the Navigation of the Rivers *Delaware* and *Leheigh*, as soon as they shall make it appear to the Governor and Speaker of Assembly for the Time being, that they have procured Subscriptions to the Amount of the said Sum for the Purpose aforesaid, be signed by the Speaker.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Shoemaker* and Mr. *Morton* do join with the Members of Council in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens, *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Samuel Phipps, *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Goshen, *in the County of* Chester," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

The Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for laying out Roads and Highways within this Province*," and informed the House that his Honour could not give his Assent to the same.

The Committee of Grievances to whom the Complaint of *Mahlon Kirkbride*, jun. was referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

THE Committee of Grievances beg Leave to report, that on *Tuesday* last they proceeded to enquire into the Complaint of *Mahlon Kirkbride*, jun. against *Gilbert Hicks*, *John Denormandis*, *Joseph Hart* and *Jonathan Ingham*, Esqrs. Justices, &c. of the County of *Bucks*;—that the said *Gilbert Hicks*, in behalf of himself and his said Brethren, delivered to the Committee a Remonstrance, objecting to the Powers of the Committee, which the Committee beg Leave to present to the House.

That the Committee, satisfied of the Propriety of their Proceeding in the said Examination, went into the Hearing of the said *Mahlon Kirkbride*, and his Witnesses, and that the said Justices attended, cross-examined the Witnesses produced by the said *Mahlon Kirkbride* in Support of his Charge, and produced a Witness in their own Justification.

Your Committee pray Leave to refer the House to the Affidavits of the several Witnesses, and submit the Whole to the Consideration of the House.

JOSEPH FERREE, JOSEPH PARKER,
EDWARD BIDDLE, JOHN BROWN,

March 20, 1772.

WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN JACOBS, jun."
ROWLAND EVANS,

The House resumed the Consideration of the several Petitions preferred during their present Sitting, praying the Aid of the Legislature in making a new, or amending and keeping in Repair the old public Road from the City of *Philadelphia* to the Borough of *Lancaster*, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* be hereby allowed and given towards making, amending or repairing a Road or Roads leading from *Lancaster* to the City of *Philadelphia*, to be expended and laid out by such Commissioners as shall be appointed for that Purpose, as soon as a like Sum shall be procured by private Subscriptions for the same Use, and shall be made appear, to the Satisfaction of the Governor and Speaker of Assembly of this Province for the Time being.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 21, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, acquainted the House that not having sufficiently perused the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca

Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" he chose to keep the said Bill under his Consideration till the next Meeting of the House.

Mr. *Fox* informed the House, that he had waited on the Governor, and obtained Approbation of the Certificate granted Yesterday by the House for allowing the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* towards improving the Navigation of the Rivers *Delaware* and *Leheigh.*

The House then taking into Consideration the Governor's Support for the current Year,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *Richard Penn,* Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, for his Support for the current Year.

And a Certificate for the said Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* being drawn at the Table accordingly, was signed by the Speaker by Order, to be presented to his Honour when the House shall attend him to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he has given his Assent.

The Members appointed to join with the Gentlemen of the Council in collating the engrossed Bills, reported they had done the same agreeable to Order, and found them to agree with their Originals.

Ordered, That the said Members do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills after they shall be passed into Laws, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

The House then took into Consideration the Address of the Managers of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk in this Province, pursuant to the Recommendations of the late Assembly, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That a Certificate for the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds,* payable to the Managers of the said Contributions, be signed by the Speaker, as soon as they shall make it appear to the Governor and the Speaker of Assembly of this Province for the Time being, that they have procured Subscriptions to the Amount of *One Thousand Pounds* for the Purpose aforesaid.

Mr. *Shoemaker* acquainted the House that he had waited on the Governor, and obtained his Approbation of the foregoing Resolve, granting the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* for promoting the Culture of Silk in this Province.

A Message by Mr. SECRETARY.

"S I R,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the

Attendance of the House to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he has given his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker with the whole House waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the House had waited on his Honour with sundry Bills, respectively entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the said Excise*;"—"*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of* Four Hundred *and* Fifty *Acres of Land, situate in* Frederick *Township, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Perkiomen Copper-Mine Tract, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*;—"*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Person distraining the same, for the better Security of Rent, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather*;"—"*An Act for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Township of the* Northern Liberties;"—"*An Act for preventing Frauds and Perjuries*;"—"*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Four Thousand Pounds *for the Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*;"—"*An Act for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money from the Persons therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants*;"—"*An Act to enable the Commissioners therein named to settle the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery set up and drawn for repairing the Meeting House and building or repairing the House for the Residence of the Minister of the* Presbyterian *Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to sue for and recover such Sums of Money as remain due and unpaid on Account of the said Lottery*;"—"*An Act to enable the Owners of Lands called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the Township of* Bristol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open*

a Ditch through the said Swamp, and to raise Money to defray the Expence thereof;"—"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Advancement of Justice, and more certain Administration thereof;*"—"*An Act for explaining and better ascertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of* Bedford;"—"*An Act for the Recovery of Legacies;*"—"*An Act to enable the Owners of a certain Tract of Meadow-Land, situate in the Borough of* Chester, *in the County of* Chester, *to keep their Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in good Repair;*"—"*An Act to dissolve the Marriage of* George Kehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Elizabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again;*"—"*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Adam Simon Kuhn *in and to a certain Lot of Ground in the Borough of* Lancaster, *one of the Title Deeds whereof is lost;*"—"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act against Adultery and Fornication;*"—"*An Act for the Relief of such Persons as conscientiously scruple the taking of an Oath in the common Form;*"—"*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford *into a separate County;*"—"*An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs in the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks;"—"*An Act for the Relief of* William Faries, John Gillard, Charles Hicks *and* John Reynolds, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* William Bennet *and* Felix M'Cowan, *languishing Prisoners in the Goal of* York *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons;*"—"*An Act for confirming the Estates of* John Pawling, Joseph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler *and* Andrew Heizer, *in and to certain Lands in the County of* Philadelphia;"—"*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Samuel Phipps, *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Goshen *in the County of* Chester," and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens, *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person,*" to which several Bills his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that he had then, in the Name of the House, presented to the Governor their Certificate for the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*, for which his Honour was pleased to say he was obliged to the House.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Collector of Excise for the County of *Philadelphia* procure to be published in the next Week's Gazette and Journal and in *Henry Miller's German* Paper so

much of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the said Excise*," as relates to the levying, collecting and paying the same. And that the Clerk of this House do order to be published in the same Papers, as soon as may be, the Laws passed this Day, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," and, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province.*"

Resolved, That this House will take under their Consideration the Complaint of *Mahlon Kirkbride*, jun. together with the Remonstrance of the Justices of the County of *Bucks*, and the Proceedings of the Committee of Grievances thereon, at their next Meeting.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the Eighteenth of *May* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

May 18, 1772.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-three Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 19, 1772.

A Quorum met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the several Laws passed at the last Sitting of the House, reported the same had been done according to Order, and the said Laws deposited in the Rolls Office.

Ordered, That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Representatives being met, pursuant to Adjournment, are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

Mr. *Fox* presented to the Chair an address of Thanks to the House from the *Wyalusing Indians* lately in Town, which was read by Order, and follows in in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania.

THE *Christian Indians* of *Wyalusing* and *Sheshecunnunk* present their most sincere Thanks for the Notice and Care hitherto taken of them, their Wives and Children in the Time of their great Distress and Trouble, especially when they were protected and maintained at the *Province Island* and the Barracks of *Philadelphia*;—they shall ever preserve a grateful

Remembrance thereof, impress it upon the Minds of their Children, and relate your Acts of Humanity and Benevolence to the distant Nations among whom they are going to live.—They wish that the Peace of GOD may be with the People of this Province, and that Ease and Plenty may always be the Lot of the industrious Inhabitants thereof.—They bid you the last Farewell;—they thank you for the Present provided for them, and beg this only additional Favour, that you will always kindly remember the faithful and unshaken Attachment of these *Christian Indians* to his Majesty's Government of this Province.

Signed on Behalf of the said *Indians* by their Deputies,

Philadelphia, May 16, 1772.

JOSHUA, JOH. MARTIN,
JOH. PAPUNK, JO. PEEPE."

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; to the Committee of Correspondence, dated the 6th of *February* last, concerning public Affairs, and inclosing a List of One and Twenty Acts of General Assembly of this Province, lately presented to the King in Council, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

No. 1. "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy punishing the Rioters.*"—Passed the 9th of *February*, 1771.

No. 2. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Chester *and* Lancaster *into a separate County.*"—Passed the 9th of *March*, 1771.

No. 3. "*An Act to prevent the Destruction of Rock-Fish and Oysters.*—Passed ditto.

No. 4. "*An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill."—Passed ditto.

No. 5. "*An Act for the immediate raising of Money heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia."—Passed ditto.

No. 6. "*An Act for the regulating the Fishery in the Rivers* Codorus *and* Connewaga, *in* York *County.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 7. "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 8. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 9. "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware *and* Lehelgh, *and Parts of* Neshaminey *Creek, as far up as* Barnfley's *Ford,*

and of the Stream called Lechawaxin, *as far up as the Falls thereof, common Highways, and for improving the Navigation in the said Rivers.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 10. "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the said River and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 11. "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and for confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 12. "*An Act for erecting a Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a separate County.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 13. "*An Act for the better securing and punishing certain Offenders therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 14. "*An Act for appointing Commissioners for opening and maintaining Parts of two Roads therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 15. "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the said Port.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 16. "*An Act for the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle *and* Jonathan Hobby, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 17. "*An Act for building a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek, in the County of* Philadelphia."—Passed ditto.

No. 18. "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 19. "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 20. "*An Act to enable* Peter Miercken, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province,*"—Passed ditto.

No. 21. "*An Act to repeal a Part of the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna, *and the* Leheigh *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware."—Passed ditto.

Which Acts are herewith most humbly presented this Eighth Day of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, by me

HENRY WILMOT,

Agent for the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania."

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Matters of Business at present to communicate to the House, but should be ready to receive any which they may think proper to lay before him.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor and request, that he will be pleased to inform the House whether he has yet come to any Result on the Bill left under his Consideration at the last Sitting, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;"—and if he has not, that they acquaint his Honour, as there is but a bare Quorum met, occasioned by the Engagements of many of the Members at their Farms in this busy Season of the Year, the House think it proper to postpone some important Business they had in View at the Time of their last Adjournment, and intend to adjourn to the Fourteenth of *September* next, if he has no Objection thereto.

The Members return and report they nad delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had not yet come to any Result on the Bill before him, and if it was the Inclination of the House to adjourn to the Fourteenth of *September* next, he had no Objection thereto.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the Fourteenth of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

September 14, 1772.

THE House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Representatives being met, according to their Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 15, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had not any Business at present to lay before the House, but as he is just now in Conference with an *Indian* of some Note from the Southward, if any Thing

should occur therein that may require the Consideration of the House, he should communicate it by a Message.

Upon Motion,

The House taking into Consideration their Order of the Thirteenth of *January* last, appointing *John Sellers*, *Joseph Ellicot*, *William Henry*, *Samuel Rhoads* and *John Lukens* to view and take the Level of the Waters of *Susquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and the *Leheigh*, and it appearing that little Progress has been made therein,

Resolved, That the said Gentlemen and *David Rittenhouse*, or any three of them, are hereby appointed and further continued to perform the above Service with all convenient Dispatch, and shall have Power to employ such Persons to assist them as they may think necessary, in Order that a full Report of their Proceedings be made to the next Assembly.

An Account from *Benjamin Lightfoot*, Esq; amounting to *Twenty-eight Pounds Seven Shillings* and *Five-pence*, for his Services and Disbursements in viewing the Waters of *Susquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and *Leheigh*, was presented to the House, read and allowed.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *James* for the said *Lightfoot*.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that on the Petitioners coming into Office, they were applied to for Relief by several Neutrals, who were recommended to them as Objects of Charity, and who, upon due Enquiry being made, were found to be in real Distress; that in Consequence of such Application, they, as had been usual with former Overseers, undertook to supply the Wants of those poor People, from a Conviction that, on a proper Representation to the Honourable House, they would be pleased to grant a Sum of Money for their further Support, and to reimburse what has been advanced;—that as those People still remain in unhappy Circumstances, which will increase as the Winter approaches, the Petitioners pray that they may as soon as possible be enabled to furnish occasional Relief to their Necessities; for which Purpose they apprehend the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* will be no more than sufficient; in the Approbation whereof they beg Leave to assure the House of their utmost Care and Attention;—that it appears the Money granted for this Purpose last *January* Sessions, was

expended by the former Overseers, (except the Sum of *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings* received from them) which, together with *Twenty Pounds* more, has been already disbursed by the Petitioners, who pray that the House will take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief as to them shall seem meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to receive, examine and report the Accounts of Incidental Expences for the current Year.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 16, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *William Martin*, of *Charles-Town*, in the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that *John Budd*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Gentleman, being legally seized of certain Lands in *Charles-Town* aforesaid, did grant and convey Three Hundred Acres thereof by his Deed Poll, dated the Eighth Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fourteen, to *John* and *William Martin*, who died intestate, whereupon the said Land became the Estate of their elder Brother *Thomas Martin*, who by his Deed, dated the Sixth Day of *June*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one, granted the same to *Lewis Martin*, the Petitioner's Father, who in his Life Time granted One Hundred Acres thereof to the Petitioner (having before sold the other Two Hundred Acres to another Person);—that about Three Years ago the Petitioner had the Misfortune to have his Dwelling-house burnt, and every Thing therein, among which was the aforesaid Deed from *John Budd* to *John* and *William Martin*, and that from the said *Thomas Martin* to *Lewis Martin*; whereby a Defect is made in the Chain of his Title, and being advised there is no other Way or Means by which the said Defect can be supplied, but by the Aid of this Honourable House, the Petitioner prays Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the several Messages that passed between the Governor and Assembly at the Close of the Winter Sitting, on a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for strik-*

ing the Sum of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan*, &c." which was then offered by the House, and refused by his Honour, and after some Time spent therein, the Question being called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether a Committee shall be appointed at this Time to bring in a new Bill for the same Purpose?—it was carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

Resolved, That this House is of Opinion, that the emitting a Sum of Money on Loan is of the greatest Importance to the Trade, Population and further Improvement of the Province; but not having Time to prepare and pass a Bill for that Purpose before the House must rise, the same is hereby earnestly recommended to the serious Consideration of the succeeding Assembly.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Payment of the public Debts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Fox* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him the House request to know whether he is yet come to any Result on the Bill presented to him at the Winter Sitting, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 17, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Joseph Shippen*, junior, Esq; was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in the Beginning of the Year 1762, the Petitioner was appointed, by a Commission from the Governor, Clerk of the Council of this Province;—that he has endeavoured on all Occasions to discharge the Duties of the same with the strictest Attention and Fidelity, during the Space of near Eleven Years, which he has served the Public in that Station;—that the Business of that Office has of late Years been very considerably increased by the Multiplicity and Variety of the public Transactions of Government;—that the Petitioner humbly conceives the Allowance made him by former Assemblies is very inadequate to his Trouble and the many different Services performed by him in the Execution of his said Office, and therefore begs Leave herewith to lay before the House, for their Perusal, a Paper containing a short Detail of the several Duties required of him as Clerk of the Council.—That the Petitioner

humbly hopes, on a due Consideration thereof, the House will be of Opinion that the small Salary of *Fifteen Pounds* per Annum, usually allowed him, is by no Means an adequate Satisfaction for those Services:—Wherefore the Petitioner, having full Confidence in the Justice of the Honourable House, and submitting the Matter to their impartial Consideration, humbly prays they will be pleased to grant him such further Allowance for his Trouble and Services as they in their Wisdom shall think reasonable.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, living near the State-House, was presented to the Chair and read, setting forth, that they are much incommoded and distressed by the too frequent Ringing of the great Bell in the Steeple of the State-House, the Inconvenience of which has been often felt severely when some of the Petitioners Families have been afflicted with Sickness, at which Times, from its uncommon Size and unusual Sound, it is extremely dangerous, and may prove fatal;—that the Petitioners conceive it was never designed to be rung on any other than public Occasions, such as the Times of Meeting of the Honourable Assembly of the Province, and of the Courts of Justice;—that the Petitioners therefore intreat the House, to interpose and relieve them from this great and dangerous Inconvenience so far as to prevent the Ringing of the said great Bell on any other than public Occasions.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, and enquire whether he has come to any Result on the Bill before him, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin, &c." reported they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say the House should hear from him concerning the said Bill on *Saturday* next.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Payment of the public Debts, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning the Support of the *French* Neutrals, was again read, and after some Debate,

Resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed to the Overseers of the Poor of this City, for the Support of

the said Neutrals. And a Certificate for the above Sum being drawn at the Table, and signed by the Speaker, was delivered to Mr. *Shoemaker* for the said Overseers.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition of *Henry William Steigle*, of *Lancaster* County, recommended over by the late Assembly, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* be, and the same is hereby allowed and given to the said *Henry William Steigle*, as a public Encouragement to his late Manufacture of white Flint-Glass in this Province. And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, and signed by the Speaker, was delivered to Mr. *Ross* for the Petitioner.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Joseph Shippen*, junior, Esq; was again read, and after some Debate thereon, the Question being put, Whether a further Allowance shall be made to the Petitioner for his Services?

Resolved, That the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* be allowed to the said *Joseph Shippen* for his annual Salary as Clerk to the Council.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 18, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the building a Dam on* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cumberland, *and for making the said Creek a public Highway*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the four annual Sums of *Seventy-five Pounds*, due to Doctor *Samuel Preston Moore* for his Services under the Trustees of the Loan-Office, allowed by the last House, be deducted by him out of the Interest Money arising by the Mortgages put into his Hands by the said Trustees.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Myer Hart*, Shopkeeper, at *Easton*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner being under Contract with a certain Merchant-Miller, living below the Falls of *Trenton*, to deliver a Quantity of Wheat at the Mills, at or near *Borden-Town*, did, in Consequence of that Agreement, on or about the Twentieth Day of *August* last past, load and put on board a Boat belonging to *Christian Meninger*, at *Philipsburg*, opposite to the said Town of *Easton*, Four Hundred and Fifty Bushels of Wheat, to be by him transported down the River *Delaware*, and delivered at the Mills aforesaid;——that the said Boat, in passing through *Wells's* Falls unfortunately struck on an Anchor, which had been made use of by the People employed by the Commissioners, appointed by an Act of Assembly of this Province, for improving the Navigation of the said River; by which Accident the said Boat was sunk, and Two Hundred and Ninety Bushels of the Wheat so greatly damaged, that it is rendered almost unfit for any Use whatever;——that the said Misfortune was not owing to any Neglect or Want of Skill in the Men on board, or to any Defect of the said Boat, but solely to the said Anchor's running through her Bottom;——that the Petitioner has already made Application to some of the aforesaid Commissioners, at *Philadelphia*, for Payment of the said Loss, who have given for Answer, that the Money, to be raised by Virtue of the said Law, was appropriated solely for improving the Navigation of the said River, and therefore could not be applied by them for the Payment of any such Loss, without the Leave and Direction of the Honourable House:——That therefore the Petitioner prays, the House will be pleased accordingly to order and direct the said Commissioners to pay to the Petitioner, out of the Monies to be given and collected for the Purpose of improving the Navigation of the said River, so much as will make him full Satisfaction for the Loss he hath sustained as aforesaid, or such Part thereof, as they in their Wisdom shall think proper.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from *Mary Bewley*, *Isaac Bewley* and *John Shoemaker*, the Executors of the last Will and Testament of

Nathan Bewley, late of *Abbington* Township, in the County of *Philadelphia*, Yoeman, deceased, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that *Jonathan Taylor* and Wife, of *Upper Dublin* Township, in the County of *Philadelphia*, by their Deed, dated the Day of *April*, 1758, for the Consideration of *Two Hundred* and *Sixty-five Pounds*, did grant and convey unto a certain *Benjamin Lancaster* a Tract of Land and Plantation, situate, lying and being in the Township of *White Marsh*, in the said County, and bounded as follows, *viz.* Beginning at a Stone for a Corner, thence South Forty-nine Degrees West, One Hundred and Seventeen Perches to a Stone; thence South-East One Hundred and Thirty-five Perches, by Lands of *Edward Stroud* and *Patrick Menan*, to a Stone; thence by Land of *Thomas Lancaster* North-East, One Hundred and Fifteen Perches, to a Stone, the Corner of *Thomas Lancaster's* Land; thence North Forty-seven Degrees West, One Hundred and Twenty-six Perches, to the beginning Corner, standing in *Thomas Shepherd's* Line, containing Ninety-three Acres and Sixty-six Perches, be the same more or less;—that the said Tract of Land, as the Property of the said *Benjamin Lancaster*, was taken in Execution, and sold at public Auction by *Joseph Redman*, Esq; late Sheriff of *Philadelphia* County; who by his Deed Poll, bearing Date the Seventh Day of *September*, 1762, did convey the same to *Robert Waln*, in Consideration of the Sum of *Two Hundred* and *Four Pounds Seventeen Shillings*, he having been the highest Bidder;——that the said *Robert Waln*, and *Rebecca* his Wife, by Indenture, bearing Date the Twenty-ninth Day of *August*, 1764, did grant and convey the same unto the said *Nathan Bewley* in Fee;——that the said *Nathan Bewley*, by his last Will and Testament, dated the Seventh of the Third Month, called *March* 1766, did direct his Wife *Mary Bewley*, his Son *Isaac Bewley* and *John Shoemaker*, (his Executors) to sell and dispose of all and singular his Lands for the best Prices that could reasonably be gotten for the same, to be divided among his Children;——that the Deed from the said *Jonathan Taylor* and Wife to *Benjamin Lancaster* is lost or mislaid, whereby the Executors of the said *Nathan Bewley* are prevented from making a clear Title to the Premises, agreeable to the Will of the Testator; and the said *Jonathan Taylor* and Wife do refuse to supply the Defect, although thereunto repeatedly requested, and a reasonable Satisfaction has been offered to them for their Trouble:——The said Executors do therefore pray the Honourable House to take their

Case into Consideration, and to grant such Relief therein as to them in their Wisdom shall seem meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

The Committee of Accounts, pursuant to their Appointment, presented to the Chair a Report on the State of the public Accounts for the past Year, which being in Part read and examined, the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 19, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed Yesterday to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration, and give it all the Dispatch in his Power.

The House proceeded in reading the Report of the Committee on the State of the public Accounts, which being gone through, and deliberately considered, was approved by the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the ASSEMBLY on the STATE of the PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1772.

Pursuant to the Appointment of the HOUSE, We have inspected and examined the several Public Accounts mentioned in this Report, and have burnt, sunk and destroyed the different Parcels of Bills of Credit, as mentioned and specified in the same. The State of all which is all follows, viz.

WE FIND, THAT

Samuel Preston Moore, on Behalf of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, has received since last Year's Settlement sundry principal Sums, or Quotas, due on the Mortgages, (put under his Care by the said Trustees, on the 21st of October, 1767) for which he Credits the Province.			
By Cash received of sundry Persons from September 14, 1771, to September 9, 1772, for Quotas due on the several Mortgages, taken on the Third Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, Eight Hundred and Seventy-six Pounds, —	£	876	0 0
And he Charges, viz.			
To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of Assembly, and by them burnt and destroyed according to Law, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	876	0 0

And on Account of Interest on the said Mortgages, he Credits,			
By Balance remaining in his Hands, per Account settled the 14th of September last Year, — — — — — — —	£	2,181	12 0

By Cash received of sundry Persons since last Settlement, for Interest due on their several Mortgages taken, —	472 7 2		
			£ 2,653 19 2
Which Sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Two-pence, remaining in the Hands of the said Samuel Preston Moore, we have counted.			
Quotas remaining as per Report of the Committee last Year, — — — — —	£ 4,047 14 0		
Of which Samuel Preston Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee since that Time, and by them burnt and destroyed as above-mentioned, —	876 0 0		
Quotas remaining due and to become due on Ninety-seven Mortgages, — —	£ 3,171 14 0		

STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the several COUNTIES for the PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

Philadelphia County, for the Provincial Tax, 1771, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the 14th Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the Committee, September 7, 1771, —	£ 2,607 15 10¾		
To Drawback of Collectors Fees on Tax not received and adjusted by County Commissioners, — — — — — — — —	2 10 2¼		
To Amount of Tax received, (not before accounted for,) — — — — — — —	4 7 9		
			£ 2,614 13 10
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.
By sundry Charges, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz.			
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —	£ 100 8 3		
By cash paid two Commissioners Orders for Tax double charged, £ 0 19 6			
Clerks Fees, — — — 10 0 0			
Sundry Disbursements, 2 5 6			
	£ 13 5 0		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
1771			
Oct.			
3. Six Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds 14s11½ — — —	£ 639 14 11½		
Dec.			
13. Seven Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds 10s2½ — — — —	761 10 2½		
1772			
Jan.			
11. Five Hundred and Thirteen Pounds 18s6 — — — —	513 18 6		
Feb.			
27. Two Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds 10s. — — — —	261 10 0		
April			
2. One Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds 16s. — — — —	182 16 0		
Carried forward — —	£ 2,359 9 8	£ 113 13 3	£ 2,614 13 10

Brought forward — —	£ 2,359 9 8	£ 113 13 3	£ 2,614 13 10
Aug.			
5. Eighty-five Pounds Two Shillings, —	85 2 0		
Sept.			
3. Thirty-one Pounds 11s2 — — — — —	31 11 2		
		2,476 2 10	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £2,489 7 10, at 20s. per Cent, — —		24 17 9	
			£ 2,614 13 10

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, — — — — — — — — — — £ 12,231 13 0

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz. — — — —			
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — —	£ 399 7 6		
Collectors Fees, — —	295 15 7¾		
		£ 695 3 1¾	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£ 32 8 0		
County Assessors Fees,	124 0 0		
Township and Ward Assessors Fees, — —	120 15 0		
Clerks Fees, — — —	67 12 0		
Stationary and sundry Disbursements, — —	35 0 7		
1772.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
May			
29. Twelve Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds 2s2½ —	£ 1,294 2 2½		
June			
10. Eight Hundred and Forty-two Pounds 5s5½ — — — —	842 5 5½		
July			
14. Eleven Hundred and Twenty-six Pounds 3s10 —	1,126 3 10		
21. Fourteen Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds 4s3½ —	1,496 4 3½		
Aug.			
18. Eleven Hundred and Forty-three Pounds 13s3½ —	1,143 13 3½		
Sept.			
4. Eleven Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds 1s8 — —	1,135 1 8		
	£ 7,417 6 4		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 7,417-6 4, at 20s. per Cent,	74 3 5½		
		7,491 9 9½	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —		4,045 0 0¾	
			£ 12,231 13 0

Bucks County, for the Provincial Tax, 1771, *Paul Preston*, Treasurer,

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the said Tax, as settled by the Committee, September 4, 1771, — — —						£	700 0 1
CONTRA						Cr.	
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled by County Commissioners, viz.							
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —	£	25	4	6			
Collectors Fees, — —		19	10	9			
					£	44 15 3	
County Commissioners Fees, — — —	£	0	18	0			
1772.							
Sept.							
1. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, Six Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds 17s1 —		647	17	1			
					£	648 15 1	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 648 15 1, at 20s. per Cent, — — —						6 9 9	
						£	700 0 1

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Joseph Chapman*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — —						£	2,495 7 0
CONTRA						Cr.	
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.							
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —					£	2 5 0	
Collectors Fees, — — — — — — — —						42 9 0	
					£	44 14 0	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£	31	1	0			
County Assessors Fees, — — — —		34	5	0			
Township Assessors Fees, — — — —		61	0	0			
Clerks Fees, &c. —		29	11	6			
	£	155	17	6			
1772.							
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
June							
5. Four Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds 19s2 — — — —	£	466	19	2			
13. Seven Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds 3s. — —		733	3	0			
Carried forward — —	£	1,355	19	8	£	44 14 0	£ 2,495 7 0

Brought forward — —			£	1,355	19	8	£	44	14	0	£	2,495	7	0
Sept.														
3. Two Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds 18s4 —				273	18	4								
							£	1,629	18	0				
County Treasurers Commissions on £ 1,629 18 0, at 20s. per Cent, — — —		£	16	5	11½									
Mileage, — — — — —			0	13	0									
								16	18	11½				
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —								803	16	0½				
											£	2,495	7	0

Chester County, for the Provincial Tax, 1771, *James Gibbons*,

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax. Dr.

TO Balance uncollected on said Tax, as settled by the Committee Sept. 7, 1771,						£	2,655	11	5½	
To an Omission of Tax now brought in, —							0	15	1½	
										£ 2,656 6 7
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —										Cr.
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those formerly settled by County Commissioners, viz.										
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —						£	63	14	7	
County Commission.										
County Assessors and Clerks Fees, — — —		£	28	1	3					
Township Assessors Fees, — — — —			25	10	0					
						£	53	11	3	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.										
1771.										
Nov.										
28. Six Hundred and Twenty-three Pounds 13s. — —		£	623	13	0					
29. Seventeen Pounds,			17	0	0					
1772.										
Jan.										
3. Five Hundred and Ten Pounds 11s6			510	11	6					
May										
28. One Thousand and Sixty-two Pounds 19s2 — — — —			1,062	19	2					
Twenty-five Pounds 17s6 —			25	17	6					
Sept.										
2. Two Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds 6s2½			273	6	2½					
							2,513	7	4½	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £2,566 18 7½, at 20s. per Cent, — — —							25	13	4½	
										£ 2,656 6 7

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — —						£ 4,130 16 9
CONTRA						Cr.
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the same, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.						
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —	£	92	7	7		
Collectors Fees, — —		103	5	5		
					£ 195 13 0	
County Commissioners, County Assessors and Clerks Fees, — £ 123 3 0						
Township Assessors Fees, — £ 83 6 3						
	£	206	9	3		
1772. Sept. 2. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, One Thousand and Sixty-four Pounds 3s6½		1,064	3	6½		
					1,270 12 9½	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £1,270 1 29½, at 20s. per Cent, Mileage, — — — — —	£	12	14	1½		
		0	12	0		
					13 6 1½	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —					2,651 4 10	
						£ 4,130 16 9

Lancaster County, for the Provincial Tax, 1771, *Michael Diffenderfer*, Treasurer.

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance uncollected of said Tax, as settled by the Committee September 9, 1771, — — — — — — — — — — —						£ 509 10 10
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						Cr.
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1772. May 18. Five Hundred Pounds, — — —	£	500	0	0		
Sept. 7. Four Pounds Ten Shillings, — — —		4	10	0		
					£ 504 10 0	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £504 10 0, at 20s. per Cent,					5 0 10	
						£ 509 10 10

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — —						£ 3,531 18 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						Cr.
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.						
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£	199	16	3		
Collectors Fees, — —		83	6	4		
					£ 283 2 7	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£	59	13	0		
County Assessors Fees, — — — —		72	5	0		
Township Assessors Fees, — — — —		120	5	0		
Clerks Fees, &c. —		24	10	0		
					£ 276 13 0	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — —						
1772. Sept. 7. Two Thousand and Sixty-three Pounds 19s1 — — — — —		2,063	19	1		
					2,340 12 1	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 2,340 12 1, at 20s. per Cent, — —	£	23	8	1		
Mileage, — — — —		1	13	0		
					25 1 1	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —					883 2 9	
						£ 3,531 18 6

On Account of Monies due to the Province from sundry County Commissioners, County Assessors, and others, received by Virtue of an Act of Assembly passed the 21st of *March* last, Dr.

TO Cash received of the following Persons, viz.					Brought forward,	£	336	14 0
Jacob Carpenter, —	£	13	19	0	Administrators of John Hay, deceased, —		2	5 0
Michael Hubley, —		13	10	0	Administrators of William Jones, ditto,		21	16 6
Robert Spear, — —		69	7	6	Executors of Henry Walter, deceased,		29	12 0
Henry Weaver, — —		68	5	0	Joshua Anderson, —		10	10 0
Frederick Stone, —		60	2	6	George M'Collough, —		37	10 0
Estate of Isaac Meyer deceased, — — —		5	0	0	James Gibbons, — —		33	15 0
Adam Ort, — — —		37	0	0	Isaac Saunders, — —		8	6 1
Caleb Johnson, — —		12	0	0	James Wilson, — —		59	10 0
John Carpenter, —		32	10	0	Michael Grimes, —		5	10 0
John Hopson, — —		12	10	0	John Smith, — — —		43	2 6
William Davis, — —		12	10	0	Casper Core, — — —		12	10 0
Carried forward,	£	336	14	0	George Leonard, — —		41	7 0
						£	642	8 1

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — Cr.

1772.
Sept.
7. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — —
Six Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds and Eleven-pence, — — — — — — £ 636 0 11
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 636 0 11, at 20s. per Cent, — — 6 7 2
£ 642 8 1

York County, for Provincial Taxes, Dr.

On Account of the Tenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance due from the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, late Treasurer, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 455 14 7¼
Of which no Part has been paid.

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Robert M'Pherson*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance due as settled by the Committee Sept. 17, 1770, and again reported last Year, — — — — — — £ 233 0 0
Of which no Part has been paid.

On Account of Taxes due from Estates of Non-Residents, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee Sept. 17, 1770, and again reported last Year, — — — — — — — £ 321 14 0½
Of which also no Part has been paid.

York County, *Michael Swoope*, Esq; Treasurer.

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance uncollected of said Tax, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 21 5 0½

CONTRA Cr.
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — £ 21 5 0½

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance uncollected on said Tax, as settled by the Commissioners last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 575 14 0

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already settled by County Commissioners, viz.
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — — £ 33 0 10½
Collectors Fees, — — 35 7 6

Carried forward — — — — — — — — £ 68 8 4½ £ 575 14 0

Brought forward — — — — — — — —				£	68	8	4½	£	575	14 0
County Commissioners, County and Township Assessors and Clerks Fees, — —	£	26	15 1							
By Cash paid two Commissioners Orders, for Tax formerly overpaid		3	17 11							
1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.										
Feb. 13. One Hundred and Forty Pounds 6s7	£	140	6 7							
May 27. Two Hundred Pounds, — — — —		200	0 0							
Sept. 12. One Hundred and Thirty Pounds 15s3½ — — — — —		130	15 3½							
14. Ten Shillings and Four-pence, — — —		0	10 4							
					502	5	2½			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 502 5 2½, at 20s. per Cent, —					5	0	5			
								£	575	14 0

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — —								£	1,519	12 4
CONTRA								Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.										
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —				£	61	5	3			
County Commissioners Fees, — — —	£	30	2 0							
County Assessors Fees, — — — —		27	5 0							
Township Assessors Fees, — — — —		98	12 6							
Clerks Fees, — —		27	15 0							
By Cash paid three Commissioners Orders for Tax overpaid, —		4	7 0							
1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.										
May										
27. Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds,	£	220	0 0							
Sept.										
12. Four Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds 3s3 — — — —		436	3 3							
					844	4	9			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £844 4 9, at 20s. per Cent, — — —	£	8	8 10							
Mileage, — — — —		2	5 0							
					10	13	10			
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding — — — — — —					603	8	6			
								£	1,519	12 4

Cumberland County, for Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Esq; Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the 10th, 11th and 12th *Eighteen-penny* Taxes.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	840 16 10¼
CONTRA — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By sundry Charges, &c. exclusive of those formerly settled by County Commissioners, viz.						
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£	10	16 0			
Ditto on Non-Residents 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, — —		65	19 2			
Ditto on Ditto 11th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — — — —		103	9 6			
Ditto on Ditto 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — — — —		135	1 8			
				£ 315	6 4	
Collectors Fees, — — — — — — — —				4	2 11½	
1772.						
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,						
Sept.						
14. Ninety-one Pounds Four Shillings and 6½d. — — — — — —				91	4 6½	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 91 4 6½, at 20s. per Cent, —				0	19 3	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding — — — — —				429	3 9¼	
					£	840 16 10¼

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	788 1 6½
CONTRA — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By sundry Charges, &c. exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz.						
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£	1	15 0			
Ditto on Non-Residents on 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, —		124	10 2			
				£ 126	5 2	
Collectors Fees, — — — — — — — —				5	11 0½	
1772.						
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.						
Aug.						
24. Thirty Pounds, —	£	30	0 0			
Sept.						
14. One Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds 11s5, —		122	11 5			
Carried forward — —	£	152	11 5	£ 131	16 2½	£ 788 1 6½

Brought forward — —	£ 152 11 5	£ 131 16 2½	£	788 1 6½
Seven Shillings and Two-pence,	0 7 2			
		152 18 7		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 152 18 7, at 20s. per Cent, — —		1 10 6		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —		501 16 3		
			£	788 1 6½

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year,			£	1,051 5 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — —		Cr.		
By sundry Charges, &c. exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz.				
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — — —	£ 58 17 4			
Ditto on Non-Residents on 14th Eighteen-penny Tax, —	123 4 9			
		£ 182 2 1		
Collectors Fees, — — — — — — —		16 0 0½		
Township Assessors Fees, — — — —	£ 3 15 0			
1772.				
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.				
July				
13. One Hundred and Two Pounds 12s7,	£ 102 12 7			
Aug.				
24. One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, —	150 0 0			
Sept.				
14. One Hundred and Forty-nine Pounds 9s11, — — — —	149 9 11			
Ten-pence, — —	0 0 10			
		405 18 4		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 405 18 4, at 20s. per Cent, —		4 1 2		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — —		443 3 10½		
			£	1,051 5 6

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —			£	1,214 5 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —		Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.				
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — —		£ 12 1 9		
Collectors Fees, — — — — — —		2 1 6½		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£ 35 11 0			
County Assessors Fees, — — — —	34 10 0			
Township Assessors Fees, — — — —	89 15 0			
Carried forward — —	£ 159 16 0	£ 14 3 3½	£	1,214 5 0

Brought forward — —	£ 159 16 0	£ 14 3 3½	£	1,214 5 0
Clerk and for Stationary, — — — —	40 0 0			
1772.				
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.				
June				
6. One Hundred and Eight Pounds 2s9½, — — — —	£ 108 2 9½			
Aug.				
24. Forty-nine Pounds 10s6, — — — —	49 10 6			
Sept.				
14. Twenty-five Pounds 16s2, —	25 16 2			
		383 5 5½		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 383 5 5½, at 20s. per Cent, — —	£ 3 16 8			
Mileage, — — — —	3 0 0			
		6 16 8		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — —		809 19 7		
			£	1,214 5 0

Berks County, for Provincial Taxes, *Christopher Witman*, Treasurer.

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee September 4, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		£	13 12 1
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —	Cr.		
1772.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — —			
Sept.			
2. Thirteen Pounds Nine Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, — —	£ 13 9 4½		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 13 9 4½, at 20s. per Cent, —	0 2 8½		
		£	13 12 1

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee September 4, 1771, — —		£	100 15 5
CONTRA — — — — — — — —	Cr.		
1772.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,			
Sept.			
1. Ninety-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six-pence, — — — —	£ 99 15 6		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 99 15 6, at 20s. per Cent, — —	0 19 11		
		£	100 15 5

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the Full Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —					£	1,216 2 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — —			Cr.			
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.						
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£	48 13 6				
Collectors Fees, — —		29 6 1				
					£	77 19 7
County Commissioners Fees, — — —	£	34 3 0				
County Assessors Fees — — — — —		25 0 0				
Township Assessors Fees, — — — —		51 0 0				
Clerks Fees and sundry Disbursements,		32 19 7				
1772.						
Sept.						
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — —						
1. Nine Hundred and One Pounds Sixteen Shillings 7*d*,		901 16 7				
			1,044 19 2			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1,044 19 2, at 20s. per Cent, — —	£	10 18 11½				
Mileage, — — — —		1 9 0				
			12 7 11½			
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —			80 15 9½			
					£	1,216 2 6

Northampton County, for the Provincial Tax, 1772, *John Wagle*, Treasurer.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, — — — — —					£	1,039 7 4
CONTRA — — — — — — — —			Cr.			
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.						
Deficiencies allowed for Insolvents, — —	£	1 6 9				
Collectors Fees, — —		25 19 8				
			£	27 6 5		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£	29 3 6				
County Assessors Fees, — — — — —		31 17 6				
Township Assessors Fees, — — — — —		55 10 0				
Clerks Fees and Qualifying, — — —		35 7 6				
1772.						
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.						
Carried forward — —	£	151 18 6	£	27 6 5	£	1,039 7 4

Brought forward — —	£ 151 18 6	£ 27 6 5	£ 1,039 7 4
May			
6. Three Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds, — — —	£ 362 0 0		
20. One Hundred and Fifty-four Pounds 10s. — — — —	154 10 0		
21. Fifty Pounds, —	50 0 0		
June			
17. Two Hundred Pounds, — — —	200 0 0		
Sept.			
8. Eighty-two Pounds 2s4, — —	82 2 4		
		1,000 10 10	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1,000 10 10, at 20s. per Cent, — —	£ 10 0 1		
Mileage, — — — —	1 10 0		
		11 10 1	
			£ 1,039 7 4

STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the EXCISE on *Spirituous Liquors* in the several Counties, *viz.*

The Estate of *Joseph Stretch*, deceased, late Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — —			£ 628 15 1½
CONTRA — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — —	£ 210 9 0		
Commissions on £ 210 9 0, at 5 per Cent, — — — — — — — —		10 10 5	
Balance due, said to be outstanding,		407 15 8½	
			£ 628 15 1½

William Crispin, Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee September 7, 1771, — — — —	£ 196 17 3		
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1771, to July 1, 1772, — — — — — —		3,161 11 4	
To Amount of Cash Entries from the 10th of April last to the 1st of July,		143 3 4	
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — —		429 9 8	
To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures,		38 15 0	
			£ 3,969 16 7
CONTRA — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — — —	£ 3,582 0 6		
By his Commissions at 5 per Cent, —	179 2 0		
		£ 3,761 2 6	
Balance due, said to be outstanding,		208 14 1	
			£ 3,969 16 7

John Woolston, Collector for *Bucks* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from the 1st of July, 1771, to the 1st of July, 1772,	£	339	5	0	
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — —		97	10	0	
To a Moiety of a Fine, — — — — —		1	0	0	
				£	437 15 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — —		Cr.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — —	£	393	19	8	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		43	15	4	
				£	437 15 0

Charles Humphreys, Collector for *Chester* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1771, to July 1, 1772, — — — —	£	869	5	8	
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — —		110	15	0	
				£	980 0 8
CONTRA — — — — — — — —		Cr.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — —	£	882	0	8	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		98	0	0	
				£	980 0 8

Sebastian Graff, Collector for the County of *Lancaster*, Dr.

TO Balance, as settled by the Committee September 10, 1771, — — — — — —	£	213	7	2	
To Amount of Excise from the 1st of July, 1771, to the 1st of July, 1772, —		530	1	9	
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — —		247	12	8	
To a Moiety of sundry Fines and Forfeitures, — — — — — — — — —		28	3	4	
				£	1,019 4 11
CONTRA — — — — — — — —		Cr.			
By sundry Insolvents. &c. as per List, for whom the Excise was accounted for in the Years 1770 and 1771, — — —	£	12	14	10	
1772.					
Sept.					
7. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — —		607	10	0	
By his Commissions at 10 per Cent,		60	15	0	
Balance due, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — — —		338	5	1	
				£	1,019 4 11

Jacob Billmeyer, Junior, Collector for *York* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — —	£	96	19	10	
To Amount of Excise from August 1, 1771, to August 1, 1772, — — — —		304	14	10	
To a Moiety of a Seizure — — — — —		10	3	10	
				£	411 18 6

CONTRA — — — — — — — —				Cr.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — —				£	258	10	0
By Allowance made William Sinclair, having retailed only 3 Months, last Year,	£	2	5	0			
Ditto Allin Simpson, who absconded, —		3	0	0			
Ditto Margaret Nelson, ditto, — — —		3	0	0			
					8	5	0
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —					25	17	0
Balance due, said to be outstanding, —					119	6	6
						£ 411	1 6

THOMAS BEARD, Collector for the County of Cumberland, hath not appeared, nor sent his Account, either for the present or for the two preceding Years, but We find by the Report of former Committees, That he had paid into the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, before September 1770, — — — — — — — — — — £ 36 2 6

And from thence till September, 1771,					87	0	0
Since which he has further paid, — —					81	9	9
						£ 204	12 3

Jasper Scull, Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year — — — — — — —				£	47	5	5
To Amount of Excise from August 14, 1771, to August 14, 1772	£	426	9	1			
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum,		80	13	7			
To a Moiety of sundry Seizures, — — — —		21	2	1			
					528	4	9
						£ 575	10 2
CONTRA — — — — — — — —				Cr.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — —				£	400	0	0
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —					40	0	0
Balance due, said to be outstanding,					135	10	2
						£ 575	10 2

Jesse Jones, Collector for *Northampton* County, Dr.

TO Balance due as settled by the Committee September 2, 1771, — — — —				£	12	10	9
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1771 to July 1, 1772, — —	£	185	9	6			
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum,		19	9	0			
To a Moiety of two Seizures, — — — —		11	11	8			
					216	10	2
						£ 229	0 11

CONTRA — — — — — — — — —	Cr.				
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — —	£	191	1	6	
By his Commissions at 10 per Cent, —		19	2	2	
Balance due, said to be outstanding,		18	17	3	
					£ 229 0 11

STATE of other ACCOUNTS, *viz.*

Thomas Coombe, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for Building and Supporting a Light-House at Cape *Henlopen,* Dr.

TO the Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia from August 28, 1771, to August 31, 1772, — — — — — —					£ 1,669 4 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —	Cr.				
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — —	£	1,566	4	7	
Commissions on £ 1,666 4 0, at 6 per Cent, — — — — — — — —		99	19	5	
					£ 1,669 4 0

THOMAS COOMBE, Collector of Duties on Negro and Mulatto Slaves, hath not exhibited his Account for this Year; but we find a Balance due to the Province, as settled by the Committee last Year, the Sum of Seventeen Pounds Ten Shillings and Six-pence, — £ 17 10 6
Since which he has paid the Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — — 100 18 0

Joseph Fox, Barrack-Master in *Philadelphia,* Dr.

TO Cash paid him by Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£ 1,291 9 0½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —Cr.					
By Amount of his Account for Necessaries supplied the Soldiers quartered in this City, in Fire-Wood, Candles, Small-Beer, &c. &c. from September 4, 1771, to September 12, 1772, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£ 1,291 9 0½

William Bowsman, Barrack-Master in *Lancaster,* Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,					£ 107 7 3
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —	Cr.				
By Amount of his Account for Necessaries supplied the Soldiers quartered in Lancaster, in Fire-Wood, Candles, Small-Beer, &c. from the 4th of September, 1769, to the 14th of September, 1772, — — — — — — — —					£ 107 7 3

Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly, for Supporting the Light-House at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

TO Balance in their Hands as settled by the Committee September 19, 1770, —		£	413	11	7
To Cash paid them by the Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
1770. Dec. 20. Five Hundred Pounds, — —	£ 500 0 0				
1771. April 9. Five Hundred and Forty Pounds,	540 0 0				
Dec. 20. Five Hundred Pounds, — —	500 0 0				
1772. July 16. Eleven Hundred and Fifty Pounds,	1,150 0 0				
			2,690	0	0
					£ 3,103 11 7

CONTRA — — — — — — — —		Cr.			
By Commissions on former Disbursements, at 5 per Cent, allowed by the Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —		£	111	17	0
By Amount of their Account of Oil, &c. and maintaining the Lights from September 1770, to September 10, 1772, per Vouchers produced, — —			930	4	10
By Wages to James Dryborough and John Hitchcock, for their Attendance, and keeping the Lights during that Time, — — — — — — — — — —			260	0	0
By Cash paid for the Principal of one Certificate discharged, — — — — —			600	0	0
By ditto paid for Interest of the several Certificates, — — — — — —			630	8	3
Balance remaining in the Hands of the Commissioners, exclusive of Commissions, which is left to the House, —			571	1	6
					£ 3,103 11 7

Note. In the Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, for Building and Supporting the Light-House, &c. settled with Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, last Year, in the Sum of £ 1,316 18 4, passed to his Credit, was included a Payment of £ 276 18 4, in Pursuance of a Draught on him by the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, which Sum of £ 276 18 4, remains to be accounted for by the said Wardens.

Joseph Galloway, on Account of the Road leading to the *Province* Island, Dr.

1763. TO Cash paid him by the Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — —		£	75	0	0
Balance due to Joseph Galloway, — —			0	12	6
					£ 75 12 6

CONTRA — — — — — — — — —		Cr.					
1771.							
By Cash paid sundry Persons for Surveying and Clearing the said Road — — — — — — — — — —	£	15	12	6			
By ditto paid Thomas Wharton, — —		60	0	0			
					£	75	12 6

On Account of Wood supplied the House of Assembly, Dr.

TO Cash paid him by the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — —	£	82	10	0			
Balance due to Joseph Galloway, — —		13	8	9			
					£	95	18 9
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —		Cr.					
By Cash paid for Wood at sundry Times, for three Years past, — — — — — —	£	95	6	3			
By the above Balance brought down,		0	12	6			
					£	95	18 9

Luke Morris, Thomas Wharton and *Samuel Morris*, jun. under the Direction of the Trustees of the *Province* Island, Dr.

1770.							
June							
11. TO Cash paid them by Joseph Galloway, being the Money in his Hands, which he received for Rent of the Province Island, and reported last Year by the Committee as unaccounted for, — — — — — — — —	£	120	0	0			
To Cash paid them by the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — —							
1770.							
One Hundred Pounds, — — — — —		100	0	0			
1771.							
Three Hundred Pounds, — — — — —		300	0	0			
Balance due to the said Luke Morris and others, — — — — — — — —		70	5	6½			
					£	590	5 6½
CONTRA — — — — — — — —		Cr.					
By their Account of sundry Disbursements in making and filling a Wharf, and making a Road on the Province Island, — — — — — — — — —					£	590	5 6½

Samuel Penrose, —— —— —— Dr.

1771.							
March							
6. TO 11 Months Rent of the Province Island, due this Day, at £ 401, per Annum, — — — —	£	367	11	8			
1772.							
Sept.							
6. To 1½ Year's Rent, due this Day,		601	10	0			
To 9 Months Interest on £ 570, being the Amount of the new Building erected, — — — — — — — —		25	13	0			
					£	994	14 8

CONTRA — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Amount of his Account for sundry Disbursements in Building a Kitchen, Barn, and repairing the House, &c.	£	719	9	1		
Balance due to the Province, — — — —		275	5	7		
					£	994 14 8

The Estate of the Honourable the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as settled by the Commissioners of the respective Counties,

Dr.

TO Balance of their Accounts, settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year,					£	2,348 19	8¾
To the Amount of their 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, as follows, viz.							
For Philadelphia County,	£	144	6	0			
Bucks County, not brought in.							
Chester County, not brought in.							
Lancaster County, —		115	0	3			
York County, — — —		48	14	6			
Cumberland County, not brought in.							
Berks County, — —		131	0	6			
Northampton County,		126	4	1			
Bedford County, not brought in.							
					£	565 5 4	
							£ 2,914 5 0¾
CONTRA — — — — — — — —					Cr.		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — — —					£	2,348 19	8¾
Balance due to the Province, exclusive of their Tax in the several Counties not returned, — — — —						565 5 4	
							£ 2,914 5 0¾

Jonas Seely, late Treasurer of *Berks* County,

Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province, as reported by the Committee of Assembly in the Years 1770 and 1771, being the Remainder of the £ 625 13 10, said to be outstanding of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, and of the preceding Taxes, as reported by the Committee, September 19, 1768, — — —					£	60 18	3½
Balance due to Jonas Seely, — — — —						13 11	10
							£ 74 10 1½
CONTRA —— —— —— —— —— ——						Cr.	
By sundry Charges attending the Collecting the said Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, exclusive of those formerly adjusted, as settled by the County Commissioners November 18, 1771, viz.							
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — — —	£	22	12	10½			
Collectors Fees, — —		27	16	0			
					£	50 8	10½
Carried forward — —					£	50 8	10½ £ 74 10 1½

Brought forward — —				£	50	8	10½	£	74 10 1½
Cash paid nine Orders of the County Commissioners, — — —	£	18	16 3						
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 575 4 11½, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — —		5	15 0						
				£	24	1	3		
								£	74 10 1½

STATE of the ACCOUNTS of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, *viz.*

On Account of the Duties and Tonnage, per Act of Assembly, passed 1758. Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee the 21st of September, 1769, — — — — — — — — — —	£	2	10 7½
Which Sum of £ 2 10 7½ remains in his Hands.			

On Account of the *Province* Island, Dr.

THERE remains a Balance due to Owen Jones, as settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, and reported last Year, — — — — — — — — — —	£	2	17 3

Note. The One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, paid into the Hands of Joseph Galloway, Esq; in the Year 1770, for Rent of the Province Island, and last Year reported, is now accounted for in the Accounts herewith delivered of Luke Morris, Thomas Wharton and Samuel Morris, Junior, who had received the same of Joseph Galloway.

On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

TO Cash received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, — — CONTRA					£	100 18 0
				Cr.		
By Bills of Credit delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, — —	£	100	8	0		
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,		0	10	0		
					£	100 18 0

On Account of the Act for Granting £24,000, to the King's Use, passed 1763, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 21, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	701	11 0
Which Sum remains in his Hands.			

On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships for Building and Supporting the Light-House at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, —	£	597	6 7½

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£ 597 6 7½		
To Cash received of Thomas Coombe in several Payments, — — — — — — — —	1,566 4 7		
		£ 2.163 11 2½	
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Cash paid Peter Reeve per Order of the Commissioners, at sundry Times, — — — — — — — — — — — —	£ 1,650 0 0		
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,	8 10 0		
	£ 1,658 10 0		
Balance due to the Province, — — — —	505 1 2½		
		£ 2,163 11 2½	

On Account of the Act for Raising and Supplying the Sum of £3,000, towards removing *Indian* Discontents, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 21, 1770, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — Which Sum remains in his Hands.		£ 3 9 0	

On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*, Dr.

TO Balance of Account settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, — — — — — — — — — —		£ 1,691 17 5	
To Cash received of the Estate of Joseph Stretch, deceased,	£ 210 9 0		
William Crispin, Collector for Philadelphia County, — — — —	3,582 0 6		
John Woolston, Collector for Bucks County, — — — —	393 19 8		
Charles Humphreys, Collector for Chester County, — — —	882 0 8		
Sebastian Graff, Collector for Lancaster County, — — — —	607 10 0		
Jacob Billmeyer, Collector for York County, — — — — — —	258 10 0		
Thomas Beard, Collector for Cumberland County, — — — —	81 9 9		
Jasper Scull, Collector for Berks County, —	400 0 0		
Jesse Jones, Collector for Northampton County, — — — —	191 1 6		
		£ 6,607 1 1	
		£ 8,298 18 6	
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Cash paid Isaac Pearson, Abel James, Charles Humphreys and Samuel Rhoads, attending the Press printing the £ 15,000, last Year, — — — —	£ 12 0 0		
By ditto paid Joseph Fox, Isaac Pearson and Michael Hillegas, for attending the Press printing the £ 25,000, — — —	35 10 0		
Carried forward — —	£ 47 10 0		£ 8,298 18 6

Brought forward — —	£ 47 10 0			£ 8,298 18 6
By ditto paid Philip Syng, altering the Devices, &c. for printing the £ 25,000, — —	6 15 0			
		£ 54 5 0		
By Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed May 20, 1767, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 20,000, raised for the Support of Government, — — — —	£1,742 0 0			
By Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 16,000, raised for ditto, — — — —	2,625 18 0			
By Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed March 9, 1771, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 7,000, in the same Act mentioned, — — — —	3,001 0 0			
By Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed March 21, 1772, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 25,000 raised for the Support of Government, — —	480 11 9			
		7,849 9 9		
By his Commissions at 5 per Cent, — — — — — — —		395 3 9		
				£ 8,298 18 6

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of John Montgomery for Cumberland County, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —			£ 91 4 6½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£ 91 0 0		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent, —	0 4 6½		
			£ 91 4 6½

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Christopher Wittman for Berks County, — — — — —		£ 13 9 4½	
To ditto —— of John Montgomery for Cumberland County, viz.			
1771.			
Sept.			
27. Sixty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings,	£ 62 12 0		
Carried forward — —	£ 62 12 0	£ 13 9 4½	

Brought forward — —	£	62	12	0	£	13	9	4½	
1772.									
Aug.									
24. Thirty Pounds,		30	0	0					
Sept.									
14. One Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds 18s7 — — — —		122	18	7					
						215	10	7	
								£	228 19 11½

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt — — — —	£	228	8	7
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent —		0	11	4½
			£	228 19 11½

The Payment of £ 62 12 0, made by John Montgomery for Cumberland County, having not been made known to us at the Settlement of his Account, the same must be carried to next Year's Settlement with the said John Montgomery.

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 21, 1771, — —	£	6,767	3	0				
To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes for Philadelphia County,	£2,476	2	10					
Paul Preston for Bucks County — —	647	17	1					
James Gibbons for Chester County —	2,513	7	4½					
Michael Diffenderfer for Lancaster County — — — — —	504	10	0					
Michael Swoope for York County — —	471	12	2½					
John Montgomery for Cumberland County	402	3	4					
Christopher Wittman for Berks County —	99	15	6					
				7,115	8	4		
							£13,882	11 4

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Bills of Credit, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt — — — —	£13,847	17	3	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent	34	14	1	
			£13,882	11 4

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes for Philadelphia County — — — — — —	£	7,037	10	9½		
Joseph Chapman for Bucks County —		1,474	0	6		
James Gibbons for Chester County —		1,064	3	6½		
Michael Diffenderfer for Lancaster County — — — — — — — —		2,063	19	1		
Michael Swoope for York County —		656	3	3		
John Montgomery for Cumberland County — — — — — — — — —		183	9	5½		
Christopher Wittman for Berks County — — — — — — — — —		901	16	7		
John Wagle for Northampton County		848	12	4		
					£14,229	15 6½

CONTRA				Cr.	
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt	£ 7,825	14	9¼		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent	19	11	3¼		
Balance due to the Province	6,384	9	6		
				£14,229	15 6½

On Account of the Honourable the Proprietaries, Dr.

TO Cash received of Edmund Physick				£ 2,348	19 8¾
CONTRA				Cr.	
By Bills of Credit, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt	£ 2,343	2	2¾		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent	5	17	6		
				£ 2,348	19 8¾

On Account of Monies due from sundry Commissioners, Assessors, *&c.* of *Lancaster* County, Dr.

TO Cash received of Michael Diffenderfer				£ 636	0 11
CONTRA				Cr.	
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt	£ 634	9	2		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent	1	11	9		
				£ 636	0 11

On Account of the Act for raising the Sum of £16,000, for Support of Government, passed *February* 18, 1769, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 20, 1771,				£ 695	0 5
CONTRA				Cr.	
By Cash paid the following Orders, viz.					
Robert Erwin	£ 19	14	8		
Hugh Roberts	1	3	10		
Michael Hillegas	2	1	4		
	£ 22	19	10		
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent	0	2	4		
Balance due to the Province	671	18	3		
				£ 695	0 5

On Account of the Act for raising £15,000, for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, passed *March* 9, 1771, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled with the Committee September 20, 1771,				£14,730	12 3½
CONTRA				Cr.	
By Cash paid the following Orders, viz.					
John Palmer	£ 500	0	0		
Joseph Galloway, Esq;	416	7	1		
Joseph Fox, Esq;	18	1	2		
John Britton	19	0	0		
William Dunwick	20	1	3		
Thomas Palmer	112	7	3		
William Pennell	34	6	7		
Carried forward	£ 1,120	3	4	£14,730	12 3½

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£	1,120	3	4	£14,730 12 3½
John Morton, Esq: — — — — — — —		100	0	0	
John Crozier and Edward Bonsall —		50	0	0	
John Morton Esq; — — — — — — — —		60	0	0	
John Crozier and Edward Bonsall —		95	0	0	
Elijah Dow — — — — — — — — — —		40	0	0	
John Britton — — — — — — — — —		44	16	3	
Wetherill and Cresson — — — — — —		55	3	3½	
John Palmer — — — — — — — — —		500	0	0	
Samuel Rhoads, junior — — — — —		12	7	3	
John Morton, Esq; — — — — — —		140	0	0	
John Inglis — — — — — — — — —		4	7	8	
John Palmer — — — — — — — — —		500	0	0	
Ditto — — — — — — — — — —		800	0	0	
John Morton, Esq: — — — — — —		134	6	3	
John Palmer — — — — — — — — —		800	0	0	
William Rush — — — — — — — — —		1	8	5½	
Samuel Levis — — — — — — — — —		7	2	3	
	£	4,464	14	9	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent —		11	3	2	
Balance due to the Province — —		10,254	14	4½	
					£14,730 12 3½

On Account of the Act passed *March* 14, 1762, appropriating £5,000, for defraying *Indian* Treaties, Dr.

TO Cash received of the Committee of Accounts, being the Balance of the said £ 5,000, which Balance they received of the Trustees of the Loan-Office — — — —					£ 977 16 3
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —					Cr.
By Cash paid the following Orders & Certificates, viz.					
Andrew M'Nair — — — — — — — —	£	28	2	9	
Joseph Fox, Esq; per Order — — —		161	8	7	
Andrew M'Nair — — — — — — — —		34	19	5	
Joseph Fox, Esq; — — — — — — —		46	9	10	
Joseph Fox and Abel James, Esqrs. —		30	0	0	
Josiah Franklin Davenport — — — —		100	0	0	
Joseph Fox and Abel James, Esqrs, —		16	15	6	
Gordon and Traxler — — — — — —		15	12	4	
Lewis Gordon — — — — — — — —		7	16	6	
James and Drinker — — — — — —		125	0	0	
Joseph Fox, Esq; — — — — — —		38	4	0	
Commissioners of Berks County — —		13	12	0	
	£	618	0	11	
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent —		3	1	10	
Balance due to the Province — —		356	13	6	
					£ 977 16 3

On Account of the £5,000, appropriated by Act passed *May* 14, 1762, to purchase certain Lots of Ground, adjoining the State-House Lot, Dr.

TO Cash received of the Committee of Accounts, being the Balance of the said £ 5,000, which Balance they received of the Trustees of the Loan-Office — — — —					£ 1,056 15 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —					Cr.
By Cash paid the following Orders, viz.					
Daniel Richards —	£	19	1	9	
Lewis Brahl — —		27	16	11	
Daniel Richards —		1	11	8	
	£	48	10	4	
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£	48	10	4	£ 1,056 15 6

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£	48	10	4	£ 1,056 15 6
By his Commissions at 10s. per Cent —		0	4	10	
Balance due to the Province — —		1,008	0	4	
					£ 1,056 15 6

On Account of Parliamentary Grants.

TO Cash received of the Committee of Accounts, being the Residue of the said Grants, which they received of the Trustees of the Loan-Office — — — — — — — — — —	£ 2,083 18 8¼
Which Sum remains in his Hands.	

On Account of the Act for raising £25,000, for the Support of Government, Dr.

TO Cash received of the Committee of Assembly, struck in Pursuance of the said Act, in Part — — — — — — — —	£21,094 2 0

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid the following Certificates, viz.				
Samuel Rhoads, Esq; — — — — — —	£	13	0	0
Joseph Fox, Esq; for Poor at Wyoming		60	0	0
The Honourable Richard Penn, Esq; two Certificates — — — — — — — —		1,000	0	0
Judah Foulke — — — — — — — — —		23	15	9
William Parr — — — — — — — — —		20	19	2
Andrew M'Nair — — — — — — — — —		19	18	0
John Lawrence, Esq; — — — — — —		100	0	0
Overseers of the Poor — — — — — —		75	0	0
Isaac Pearson, Esq; — — — — — — —		12	10	0
David Hall — — — — — — — — —		5	12	1
Hall and Sellers — — — — — — — —		101	15	0
Michael Hillegas, Esq; — — — — — —		13	0	0
Thomas Willing, Esq; — — — — — —		100	0	0
Commissioners for clearing Delaware		1,000	0	0
Benjamin Franklin, Esq; £500 Sterl. Exchange 62½ per Cent — — — —		812	10	0
Charles Moore — — — — — — — — —		224	5	6
Joseph Galloway, Esq; — — — — — —		60	0	0
Ditto Ditto — — — — — — — — —		27	10	0
Benjamin Chapman, Esq; — — — — —		3	0	0
William Allen, Esq; — — — — — — —		200	0	0
William Sheed — — — — — — — — —		10	0	0
Joseph Shippen, Postages of Letters —		6	1	1
Ditto ditto Warrants and Certificates — — — — — — — — — —		20	3	6
Ditto ditto Clerk of Council — —		15	0	0
Joseph Fox, Esq; Committee of Accounts — — — — — — — — — — —		12	10	0
Ditto ditto Barrack-Master — —		60	0	0
William Sheed — — — — — — — — —		7	12	6
Edward Duffield — — — — — — — —		20	7	6
David Rittenhouse — — — — — — — —		300	0	0
Andrew Allen, Esq; — — — — — — —		75	0	0
The Contributors for encouraging the Culture of Silk — — — — — — — —		1,000	0	0
Abel James, Esq; — — — — — — — —		5	0	0
Thomas Willing, Esq; the Judges Expences on the Circuit — — — —		44	0	10
Thomas Willing, Esq; the Judges Expences on ditto — — — — — — — —		20	11	3
Edmund Physick — — — — — — — —		18	6	0
	£	5,487	8	2
By Amount of £ 4,000, granted to his Majesty for the Support of his Troops, quartered in this Province, as per Act passed the 21st of March last — — —		4,000	0	0
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£	9,487	8	2	£21,094 2 0

Brought forward — — — — — — —	£ 9,487 8 2	£21,094 2 0
By his Commissions on £ 5,487 8 2, at 5s. per Cent — — — — — — — —	13 14 4	
Balance due to the Province — —	11,592 19 6	
		£21,094 2 0

On Account of the £4,000, granted to his Majesty for the Support of his Troops in Quarters, as per Act passed *March* 21, 1772, Dr.

TO the Amount of the said Sum appropriated as aforesaid		£ 4,000 0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —	Cr.	
By Cash paid Joseph Fox, Esq; Barrack-Master of Philadelphia, in several Payments — — — — — — — — — — — —	£ 1,291 9 0½	
By ditto paid William Bowsman, Barrack-Master of Lancaster, in several Payments — — — — — — — — —	107 7 3	
	£ 1,398 16 3½	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent —	3 9 11	
Balance due to the Province — —	2,597 13 9½	
		£ 4,000 0 0

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, we find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, the Sum of Thirty-six Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds Two Shillings and Six-Pence One Farthing, viz.

On Account of Duties and Tonnage, per Act passed 1758, — — — — — — — —	£ 2 10 7½
On Account of the £24,000, granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763,	701 11 0
On Account of Duties on Tonnage, for Support of the Light-house at Cape Henlopen, — — — — — — — — — —	505 1 2½
On Account of the £3,000, appropriated for removing Indian Discontents — —	3 9 0
On Account of the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk and destroyed according to Law — — — — — — — — — — —	6,384 9 6
On Account of the £16,000, granted for Support of Government per Act passed the 18th of February, 1769, — —	671 18 3
On Account of the £15,000, granted for the Defense of the City of Philadelphia, per Act passed March 9, 1771,	10,254 14 4½
On Account of the £5,000, appropriated per Act passed March 14, 1762, for defraying of Indian Treaties — — —	356 13 6
On Account of the £5,000, appropriated per Act passed March 14, 1762, for purchasing Ground adjoining the State-House Lot — — — — — — — — — —	1,008 0 4
On Account of the Residue of the Parliamentary Grants, &c. which remains to be exchanged into Bills of Credit of this Province, to be burnt and sunk according to Law — — — — — — — —	2,083 18 8¼
On Account of the £25,000, granted for Support of Government, per Act passed the 21st of March, 1772, — — — —	11,592 19 6
Carried forward — — — — — — —	£33,565 5 11¼

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£33,565 5 11¾	
On Account of the £4,000, appropriated for Support of his Majesty's Troops in Quarters, &c. per Act passed March 21, 1772, — — — — — — — — — — —	2,597 13 9½	
	£36,162 19 9¼	
And there appears a Balance due to him on Account of the Province Island —	2 17 3	
		£36,160 2 6¼

Which Sum of £36,160 2 6¼, we have carefully counted.

WE have received of the Treasurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit, Part of the £14,000, issued by Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, the Sum of — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 253 16 7½

Which Sum we have sunk, burnt, and destroyed according to Law.

WE have likewise received of the Treasurer appointed by the Commissioners elected by Virtue of the Act, passed in the Ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled, "*An Act for Regulating, Pitching, Paving, and Cleansing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, &c. of the City of* Philadelphia," the Sum of Eight Hundred Pounds, being the first Year's Payment of the Eight Thousand Pounds, Part of the Fifteen Thousand Pounds raised by Act of Assembly, passed March 9, 1771; which Eight Hundred Pounds being of the Bills of Credit of the last mentioned Act, we have sunk, burnt and destroyed according to Law, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 800 0 0

THE Amount of the Paper Bills of Credit, burnt, and destroyed in the Presence of the Committee of Assembly this Year, is Thirty-four Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Six Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, viz.

On Account of the Quotas received by Samuel Preston Moore, on the Mortgages in his Hands, on Behalf of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office —		£ 876 0 0	
On Account of the Provincial Taxes —	£24,970 12 0		
On Account of Negro Duty — — — — —	100 8 0		
		25,071 0 0	
On Excise, as follows, viz.			
Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed May 20, 1767, Part of the £ 20,000 — — —	£1,742 0 0		
Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, Part of the £ 16,000 — — —	2,625 18 0		
Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed March 9, 1771, Part of the £ 7,000, in the said Act mentioned	3,001 0 0		
Carried forward — —	£7,368 18 0	£25,071 0 0	

Brought forward — —	£7,368 18 0	£25,071 0 0	
Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly passed March 21, 1772, Part of the £ 25,000, — — —	480 11 9		
		7,849 9 9	
On Account of the £ 14,000, issued by Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit of that Emission — — —		253 16 7½	
On Account of the £ 8,000, Part of the £ 15,000, issued by Act of Assembly passed the 9th of March, 1771, in Bills of Credit of that Emission, received of the Treasurer appointed by the City Commissioners, as before mentioned,		800 0 0	
			£ 34,850 6 4½

DEBTS OUTSTANDING, due to the Province, *viz.*

On Account of the Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

FROM Philadelphia County, on the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — —		£ 4,045 0 0¾	
Bucks County, ditto ditto — —		803 16 0½	
Chester County, ditto ditto — —		2,651 4 10	
Lancaster County, ditto ditto —		883 2 9	
Besides the uncollected Monies due from County Commissioners, County Assessors, &c. of Lancaster County on the Act of Assembly passed the 21st of March last.			
York County, viz.			
on the 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, —	£ 455 14 7¼		
on the 12th ditto	233 0 0		
on Estates of Non-Residents, as reported last Year —	321 14 0½		
on the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, —	21 5 0½		
on the 15th ditto	603 8 6		
		1,635 2 2¼	
Cumberland County, viz.			
on the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, —	£ 429 3 9¼		
on the 13th ditto	501 16 3		
on the 14th ditto	443 3 10½		
on the 15th ditto	809 19 7		
		2,184 3 5¾	
Berks County, on the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — — — — — —		80 15 9½	
The Honourable the Proprietaries — Exclusive of Taxes in several Counties not brought in.		565 5 4	

On Account of Excise, *viz.*

From the Estate of Joseph Stretch, deceased, late Collector for Philadelphia County — —	£ 407 15 8½	

Brought Forward — —	£	407	15	8½			
William Crispin, present Collector for ditto — — — —		208	14	1			
Sebastian Graff, Collector for Lancaster County — — — —		338	5	1			
Jacob Billmeyer, Collector for York County — — — —		119	6	6			
Thomas Beard, Collector for Cumberland, remains unsettled.							
Jasper Scull, Collector for Berks County — — — —		135	10	2			
Jesse Jones, Collector for Northampton County — — — —		18	17	3			
					1,228	8	9½

ALSO,

From the Commissions appointed by Law for supporting the Light-House at Cape Henlopen — — —					571	1	6

Besides the following Debts, reported last Year, *viz.*

From the Commissioners appointed by Law for clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill — — — — —	£	22	0	7½				
The Estate of Richard Pearne, deceased,		1,818	5	11				
The Commissioners of the Indian Trade —		3,056	5	3				
					4,896	11	9½	
							£18,979	7 2¾

And there remains a Balance, due to Jonas Seely, as per Account herewith, — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 13 11 10

A regular Adjustment of the Provincial Tax for Bedford County is not yet come to Hand, nor do we find that any Money has been paid into the Provincial Treasury by the Treasurer of that County.

The Collectors of Excise for the Counties of Bedford and Northumberland have not rendered any Accounts, nor do we find that either have paid any Monies into the Provincial Treasury.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the House, by September 17, 1772.

JOSEPH FOX, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
SAMUEL RHOADS, ISAAC PEARSON."
ABEL JAMES,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the House incline to adjourn this Afternoon, if he has no Objection thereto, and request to know at what Hour they shall attend his Honour to enact the Supply Bill into a Law.

The Members return and report they had waited on the Governor and delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour being then in the Council-Chamber was pleased to say he should be ready to pass the Supply Bill before him at Twelve o'Clock.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to collect from the Minutes of the House and report such Matters as may be proper to be recommended to the Consideration of the next Assembly.

The Secretary delivered a verbal Message from his Honour, requesting a List of the Certificates, Draughts and Orders made payable out of the Supply Bill before him, which List being immediately drawn at the Table was examined and sent up accordingly.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," and acquainted the House that he could not agree to pass the same into a Law.

The Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts*," to which his Honour had given his Assent, and delivered the following verbal Message, *viz.*

"SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber and requires the Attendance of Mr. Speaker and the House to enact the Supply Bill returned with his Assent into a Law."

The Speaker then, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor, and presented a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts*," to which the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into a Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Ross* do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Law and the same deposited in the Rolls Office.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Bill passed in the Forenoon, reported the same had been done according to Order, and the said Law deposited in the Rolls Office.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Petitioners for the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," be furnished by the Clerk of Assembly with Copies of the several Depositions taken by the Committee of the House relative to the said Marriage, in case they shall request and pay for the same.

The Committee appointed Yesterday to examine the Journals of the House, and collect from thence such Matters as have been left unfinished and may require the Attention of the next Assembly, made Report thereof in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed for the Purpose above-mentioned, beg Leave to report the following Particulars as proper to be recommended to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly, *viz.*

The Application from divers Inhabitants of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties for Relief on account of their Losses under Colonel *Wilkins*.

The Application of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaster* for divers Regulations in the said Borough.

A Bill of the Assignment of Dower.

A Bill to improve the Navigation of *Shearman's* Creek.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia* and the County of *Lancaster*, relative to public Roads and inland Navigation.

The Petition of *Myer Hart*, of *Easton*, in the County of *Northampton*, Shop-Keeper.

The Petition of *Henry Mosser*, of *Lancaster* County.

The Petition of the Creditors of *Richard Gardiner*.

The Petition of *Mary Bewley*, *Isaac Bewley* and *John Shoemaker*, relative to Title-Deeds.

The Petition of *William Martin*, relative to ditto.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, respecting Vendues.

Submitted to the House by

September 19, 1772.

MICHAEL SWOOPE, ABEL JAMES,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, JOHN BROWN,
HENRY CHREIST, ISAAC PEARSON,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, GEORGE ROSS."
SAMUEL RHOADS,

The House taking into Consideration the large Balances reported by the Committee of Accounts to be due and uncollected of the public Taxes,

Ordered, That the Provincial Treasurer do use his best Endeavours to oblige the Officers of the several Counties concerned in collecting the public Revenues to procure the Balances outstanding, and to enforce the more regular and due Collection of the ensuing Taxes.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House deliver a Copy of the above Order to the Provincial Treasurer.

Ordered, That the Recovery of the Money due to the Public from the Estate of *Richard Pearne*, deceased, be earnestly recommended to the next Assembly.

The Committee for Incidental Expences presented a written Report thereon to the Chair, which being examined and the Accounts therein referred to allowed by the House, Mr. Speaker in the Chair signed the several Orders and Certificates for Payment of the Wages of the Members and their Committees, together with the Salaries of public Officers and other contingent Charges of the past Year; a List whereof is hereunto annexed.

The House then adjourned to the Thirtieth Instant.

INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1772.

TO the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor, — — — — — — — — — —	£ 1,000	0	0
To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent for the Province, in *London*, his Salary for the present Year, £500 Sterling.			
To *William Allen*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Province, — — — — — — — — — — — —	200	0	0
To *John Lawrence*, Esq; one of the Assistant Judges — — — — — — — — — — — —	150	0	0
To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; ditto — — — — — —	150	0	0
To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for Extra Services to the House, — — — — — — — — — —	75	0	0
To ditto, the Balance of his Account of Wood for the House, — — — — — — — — — —	13	8	9
To *Andrew Allen*, Esq; Attorney General, — —	75	0	0
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts 22 Days, at 10s. per Diem, — — — — — — — — — — — —	11	0	0
To *Samuel Rhoads* Esq; for ditto—20 Days, at ditto — — — — — — — — — — — —	10	0	0

To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for ditto—22 Days, at ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	11	0	0
To *Samuel Shoemaker*, Esq; for ditto—3 Days, at ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1	10	0
To *Abel James*, Esq; for ditto—21 Days, at ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10	10	0
To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for ditto—19 Days, at ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9	10	0
To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of the Assembly, and for transcribing and engrossing Laws, Votes, and Proceedings of the House, Messages, *&c. &c. &c.* — — — — —	255	10	6
To *Joseph Shippen*, Esq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, — — — — — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
To ditto, for Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations, *&c.* and for Stationary for the Governor and Council, — — — — — — — — — —	15	18	10
To ditto, for *Indian* Expences, — — — — — —	3	14	7
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; his Salary as Barrack-Master, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	60	0	0
To *William Bowsman*, ditto as ditto at *Lancaster*, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20	0	0
To Mr. *Abel Evans*, for his Services as Assistant Clerk to the House, — — — — — — — — —	15	0	0
To *Benjamin Lightfoot*, Esq; for his Services and Disbursements in viewing the Waters of *Susquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and *Lehigh*, as per Account, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	28	7	5
To *John Sellers*, Esq; for his Services and Disbursements on the same Duty, as per Account,	20	12	10
To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq.; for sundry Expences, *&c*, for the same Service, as per Account, —	18	8	4
To Mr. *David Rittenhouse*, for Instruments supplied to the Committee on the above Service,	15	15	0
To ditto, for his Attendance with Mr. *Rhoads* 6 Days on the above Service, — — — — — — —	3	0	0
To Mr. *Edward Duffield*, for his Care, *&c.* of the State-House Clock, — — — — — — — — —	23	3	0
To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c.* — — — — — — — — — —	233	10	6
To Mr. *David Hall*, for Stationary for the Use of the House, — — — — — — — — — — — —	7	8	1
To Mr. *Henry Miller*, for printing the Votes, *&c.* of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —	69	14	0

To *Robert Erwin*, for moving Earth into the State-House Yard, — — — — — — — — — —	7	4	4
To *Lawrence Shiney*, for ditto, as per Account,	0	17	4
To *Robert Erwin*, for 20 Cords of Hickory Wood for the Use of the House, — — — —	30	0	0
To *Andrew M'Nair*, for 80 Days Attendance as Doorkeeper to the House, at 4s. per Diem, —	16	0	0
To ditto, for his Services in cleaning the State-House, *&c.* — — — — — — — — — — — —	8	0	9
To ditto, for *Indian* Expences, and Attendance from *April* 11, 1772, to *August* 31, inclusive,	18	7	4
To *William Sheed*, his Salary as Serjeant at Arms to the House, — — — — — — — — —	10	0	0
To ditto, for Extra Services to the Committee of Grievances, — — — — — — — — — —	1	0	0
To ditto, as Doorkeeper to the Council, — — —	4	15	0
To *William Parr*, Esqr's Account for recording Laws, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	25	5	6
To *Edmund Physick*, Esqr's Account for affixing the Great Seal to Laws, *&c.* — — — — —	18	3	0
To *Henry William Steigel*, a Gratuity for his Glass Manufacture, — — — — — — — — —	150	0	0
To *Judah Foulke*, Esq; Sheriff, for Expences in apprehending certain Persons charged with Murder, — — — — — — — — — —	23	15	9
To *Michael Coon*, for sawing Wood for the State-House, — — — — — — — — — — —	3	0	0
	£2,853	10	10

WE, the Committee for Incidental Expences, have examined the several Accounts above-mentioned, and find them charged as usual.

September 19, 1722.

THOMAS LIVEZY, JOHN MONTGOMERY,
JOHN BROWN, EDWARD BIDDLE."
CHARLES HUMPHREYS,

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1772, *P. M.*

By the Returns of the Sheriffs of the several Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to

serve in Assembly as Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, for the ensuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*
Israel Jacobs,
Henry Pawling,
Jonathan Roberts,
Michael Hillegas,
Samuel Rhoads,
Joseph King,
Joseph Parker,
George Gray.

For the City of *Philadelphia.*
Samuel Shoemaker,
Thomas Mifflin.

For the County of *Bucks.*
John Foulke,
William Rodman,
Henry Krewsen,
John Brown,
Joseph Galloway.

For the County of *Bucks.*
Benjamin Chapman,
Joseph Ellicott,
Peter Shepherd.

For the County of *Chester.*
Charles Humphreys,
Isaac Pearson,
John Morton,
John Jacobs,
John Minshall,
James Hockley,
George Ashbridge,
Benjamin Bartholomew.

For the County of *Lancaster.*
Joseph Ferree,
Jacob Carpenter,
Isaac Whitelock,
James Webb.

For the County of *York.*
James Ewing,
John Pope.

For the County of *Cumberland.*
William Allen,
John Montgomery.

For the County of *Berks.*
Edward Biddle,
Henry Chreist.

For the County of *Northampton.*
William Edmonds.

For the County of *Bedford.*
William Thompson.

For the County of *Northumberland.*
Samuel Hunter.

A Quorum of the Representatives being met, they proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; was, by a great Majority, chosen Speaker for the ensuing Year, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that, pursuant to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Representatives being met, have proceeded to chuse a Speaker for the ensuing Year, and request to know at what Hour To-morrow his Honour will be pleased to receive the House, that they may present their Speaker.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 15, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would be in the Council-Chamber at Twelve o'Clock To-day, to receive the House with their Speaker.

A Message *by Mr. Secretary.*

SIR,

"The Governor attends his Appointment in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House, to present their Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on the Governor and presented their Speaker, whom his Honour had been pleased to approve, and that he (the Speaker) had then, in the Name and on Behalf of the House, claimed their usual Privileges, *viz.*

First, That the Members of the House, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propositions and Debates.

Secondly, That they may at all seasonable Times have free Access to the Governor, the better to enable them to discharge the Business of the Public.

Thirdly, That their Persons and Estates may be free from all Arrests, Molestations and Injuries during the Time of accustomed Privilege.

Fourthly, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in this House, until the same shall be passed into a Resolve, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

Fifthly, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be excused and not imputed to the House, but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania* in General Assembly met, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charters of the said Province, and that the Governor was pleased to say, they were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, in which they might always rely on his Protection.

The Qualification appointed by Law to be taken by Members of Assembly, and the Test of Abjuration being prepared, were then taken and subscribed, first by Mr. Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards at the Table by the Members present in their Order.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Three Petitions from *Abraham Mitchell*, *Peter Robeson*, and *Benjamin Davis*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed Collector of the Excise on spirituous Liquors in the County of *Philadelphia*.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Isaac Hunt*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed to the Office of Clerk of Assembly for the ensuing Year.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Five Petitions from *Humphrey Marshall*, *Adam Grubb*, *Elisha Jones*, *Caleb Peirce* and *Joel Baily*, of the County of *Chester*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed Collector of Excise in the said County.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House then proceeding as usual to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the ensuing Year,

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk of this House for the ensuing Year. And he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Abel Evans* be, and he is hereby appointed Assistant-Clerk to this House for the ensuing Year. And he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this House for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Door-Keeper to this House for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Owen Jones*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Province for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, and Mr. *Pearson*, with the Speaker, be a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *King*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee of Aggrievances for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and other public Accounts for the ensuing Year, and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers and Records by the Serjeant at Arms to this House, in order that the said Accounts be fully adjusted and made ready to be laid before the House on the first Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

Resolved, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker* and Mr. *Allen*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise and correct the Minutes of this House for the ensuing Year before they are printed.

Resolved, That the said Minutes of the Proceedings of this House be printed with all convenient Dispatch, being first revised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

Resolved, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province, to solicit and transact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; be allowed for his Services at the Rate of *Five Hundred Pounds* Sterling for the first Six Months, and at the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds* Sterling for the Remainder of the Year.

Resolved, That *Joseph Fox*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *William Bowsman*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the said Borough for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *William Crispin*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Philadelphia* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *John Woolston* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Bucks* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Charles Humphreys*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Chester* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Sebastian Graaf* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Lancaster* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Henry Miller* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *York* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Thomas Baird* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Cumberland* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Jasper Scull* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Berks* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Jesse Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Northampton* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Thomas Urie* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Bedford* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Thomas Lemon* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Northumberland* for the ensuing Year.

Ordered, That the Committee of Correspondence prepare a Draught of a Letter to the Agent for this Province in *London*, to be brought in To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Webb* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that the House incline to adjourn some Time To-morrow to the first *Monday* in *January* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 16, 1772.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Letter to *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent for this Province in *London*, reported they had made an Essay for that Purpose, which being read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be transcribed.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had some Business to lay before the House, which he should communicate by a Message immediately.

The Rules for better regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members being read by Order as usual, were agreed to be observed.

Resolved, That Mr. *Hillegas* be, and he is hereby appointed to demand and collect the Fines arising upon any Breach of

the said Rules, for the Benefit of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *Mifflin* be a Committee to procure a Catalogue, to be taken of all the Books in the Assembly Library, to number the same, and place them in proper Order.

The Letter to the Agent being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker and Committee, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

SIR, *Philadelphia, October* 16, 1772.

WE transmit inclosed the Resolves of the House, appointing us their Committee of Correspondence, and you their Agent to transact the Affairs of this Province in *Great-Britain*, for the ensuing Year.

The Instructions, given by former Assemblies, respecting the Trade and Commerce, and other the general Rights and Liberties of *America*, have been so full and explicit, that nothing material occurs in Addition to them. We have therefore only to desire, in Case any Measures should be pursued that may by any Means affect them, that you would exert your utmost Endeavours in Opposition, and that, on the Contrary, should any Thing offer which may seem likely to restore that Harmony between *Great-Britain* and her Colonies, so necessary to their mutual Safety and Happiness, that you will promote it by every Means in your Power.

We are also ordered to inform you, that the House taking into their Consideration your Salary for the ensuing Year, have resolved, that you shall be allowed at the Rate of *Five Hundred Pounds* Sterling *per Annum* for the first Six Months, and afterwards at the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds* Sterling. We are,

Your assured Friends,

JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*
SAMUEL RHOADS,
SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
ISAAC PEARSON."

To BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, *Esq*; *Agent for the Province of* Pennsylvania *in* London.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Hockley* and Mr. *Minshall* be a Committee to confer with the Corporation of the City of *Philadelphia* respecting the Building a Market-House for the Accommodation of Country People bringing their Produce to Market.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, praying Relief in respect to the late Act of Assembly for preventing Frauds in the Manufacturing of Leather.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Samuel Dothy Hamilton*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A verbal MESSAGE *by the Secretary.*

'SIR,

'THE Governor commands me to lay before the House a Letter he received a few Days ago from Sir *Ralph Payne*, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the *Leeward Islands*, acquainting him with the extreme Distress the Inhabitants of the said Islands are reduced to, occasioned by a most violent Hurricane in the Month of *August* last; and to inform the House, that if they are disposed to take any Measures for their Relief, he will most chearfully concur with them therein.'

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's verbal Message by the Secretary, together with the Letter from his Excellency Sir *Ralph Payne*, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Chreist* wait on the Governor, and deliver the following verbal Message, *viz.*

SIR,

WE are commanded by the House to inform your Honour, in Answer to your verbal Message of this Morning, that they have taken into their Consideration the Letter from Sir *Ralph Payne*, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the *Leeward Islands*, and very sincerely commiserate the extreme Distress the Inhabitants of those Islands are reduced to by the late violent Hurricane; but as they find that your Honour has wisely pursued the most proper Measure to relieve them by your late Proclamation, and that in Consequence thereof a Number of Vessels with Provisions and other Necessaries has already sailed, and more will soon depart from this Port to those Islands, the House have no Doubt but the unhappy Sufferers will be supplied, and the good Intention of Sir *Ralph Payne's* Letter effectually answered by those Means."

Ordered, That the said Members do also enquire whether the Governor concurs in the Adjournment of the House proposed to him this Morning.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *Mifflin* be a Committee to agree with and purchase from Mr. *David Hall* Fifty complete Sets of the three first Volumes of the Votes of the Assemblies of this Province.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the verbal Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Objection to the proposed Adjournment of the House.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the 4th of *January* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 4, 1773.

MR. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 5, 1773.

A Quorum met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night.

Mr. *Ellicot* and Mr. *Whitelock*, this Day appearing in the House the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hockley* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Representatives being met, agreeable to their Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Business his Honour may be pleased to lay before them.

A Petition from the Commissioners, Assessors and other Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster*, presented to the Speaker in the Recess of the Assembly, and now laid before the House, was read by Order, setting forth, that on the Second of *December* last *Jacob Carpenter*, Esq; late a Member for the said County, died, and praying that an Order may issue to the Provincial Secretary for electing another in the room of the said deceased Member.

Resolved, That an Order be issued for the said Purpose, and that the Clerk prepare the same, to be signed by the Speaker in the Afternoon.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to inspect the Laws of the Province, with the Minutes of the late Assembly, and report such

of the said Laws as are near expiring, together with the several Matters left unfinished by that Assembly, and recommended to the Consideration of this House.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Business at present to communicate to the House, but should be ready to receive any they may think proper to lay before him.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton* for an additional Representative in Assembly, was presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster*, respecting the Killing of Deer out of Season contrary to Law, was presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from *John Dicks*, of the County of *Chester*, Taylor, for a Law to divorce him from the Bond of Marriage with his Wife, late *Mary Culin*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Copy of his Order to the Provincial Secretary, requiring him to issue a Writ to the Sheriff of the County of *Lancaster* for the Election of a new Member for the County of *Lancaster*, in the room of *Jacob Carpenter*, Esq; lately deceased, which was read, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

PENNSYLVANIA, *ss.*

BY a Resolve of Assembly of this Day, I am impowered and directed to order the Provincial Secretary, that he do issue a Writ to the Sheriff of the County of *Lancaser* for the Election of a Member to serve as a Representative in this Assembly for the said County of *Lancaster*, in the room of *Jacob Carpenter*, Esq; lately deceased: Therefore, by Virtue of the said Resolve, and in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly in that Case made and provided, I do require that a Writ be issued to the Sheriff of the said County for the Purpose aforesaid, according to the Direction of the said Law. Date dated *Philadelphia*, this Fifth Day of *January*, *Anno Domini*, 1773.

JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

To JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Esq;
Provincial Secretary.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 6, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to inspect the Laws of the Province, and the Minutes of the late Assembly, *&c.* made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

THE Committee appointed to inspect the Laws of the Province, with the Minutes of the late Assembly, and report such of the Laws as are near expiring, together with the several Matters left unfinished by that Assembly, and recommended to the Consideration of this House, beg Leave to report, that on inspecting the said Minutes they find the late House, on the Sixteenth of *September* last, came to the following Resolution, *viz.*

Resolved, That this House is of Opinion, that the emitting a Sum of Money on Loan is of the greatest Importance to the Trade, Population and further Improvement of the Province; but not having sufficient Time to prepare and pass a Bill for that Purpose before the House must rise, the same is hereby earnestly recommended to the serious Consideration of the succeeding Assembly.

And we find a Committee of the late Assembly reported sundry Matters left unfinished that required the Attention of the next Assembly, *viz.*

The Application of divers Inhabitants of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties, for Relief on account of their Losses under Colonel *Wilkins*.

The Application of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaster*, for divers Regulations in the said Borough.

A Bill for the Assignment of Dower.

A Bill to improve the Navigation of *Shearman's* Creek.

The Petitions of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, and County of *Lancaster*, relative to public Roads and inland Navigation.

The Petition of *Myer Hart*, of *Easton*, in the County of *Northampton*, Shopkeeper.

The Petition of *Henry Hosser*, of *Lancaster* County.

The Petition of the Creditors of *Richard Gardiner*.

The Petition of *Mary Bewley*, *Isaac Bewley* and *John Shoemaker*, relative to Title-Deeds.

The Petition of *William Martin*, relative to Title-Deeds.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, respecting Vendues.

And we find, that the late House, on taking into Consideration the large Balances reported by the Committee of Accounts

to be due and uncollected of the public Taxes, ordered that the Provincial Treasurer should use his utmost Endeavours to oblige the Officers of the several Counties concerned in collecting the public Revenue, to procure the Balances outstanding, and to inforce the more regular and due Collection of the ensuing Taxes; and that the Clerk should deliver a Copy of the above Order to the Provincial Treasurer.

We also find, that the Recovery of the Money due to the Public from the Estate of *Richard Pearne*, deceased, was earnestly recommended to this Assembly.

Upon examining the Laws of the Province, it appears, that the Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding General Elections in this Province, passed in 1766, will expire before the next General Election.

Submitted to the House by

January 6, 1773. SAMUEL RHOADS, JOHN BROWN,
SAMUEL SHOEMAKER, ISAAC PEARSON."

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That if any Member, upon the Decision of a Question, shall desire to have the Yeas and Neas, with the Names of the Members, entered on the Journals of the House, it shall be allowed.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of this Assembly be revised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, and published Weekly.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed by the late House to revise the Laws and Votes of the Assemblies of this Province, in order to a more complete Edition thereof, reported the Proposals of Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, and Mr. *Henry Miller*, of this City, for Reprinting the same.

Resolved, That this House will purchase Three Hundred and Fifty Copies of the said new Edition of the Laws of this Province, for the Use of the Public.

Resolved, That this House will also purchase One Hundred Copies of the said new Edition of the Votes and Proceedings of the Assemblies of this Province, for the Use of the Public.

Ordered, That the Committee above-mentioned do agree with the said Printers on the best Terms they can for Reprinting the said Laws and Votes with all convenient Dispatch.

The Committee appointed to treat with and purchase from Mr. *David Hall* Fifty Sets of the three first Volumes of the Votes and Proceedings of the Assemblies of this Province, re-

ported the same had been done according to Order, at the Price of *Three Pounds Ten Shillings* for each Set.

Ordered, That the said Committee do prepare and bring in a Draught of Rules for better regulating the Use of the Assembly Library.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 7, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resuming the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on sundry Matters referred over by the late Assembly, after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That this House will, on *Tuesday* next, in the Forenoon, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Subject of striking and emitting Bills of Credit on Loan, to provide a Fund for defraying the Expences of Government.

Upon Consideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaster*, for Leave to bring in a Bill for establishing certain Regulations in the said Borough,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes expressed in their Petition.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Assignment of Dower.

Ordered, That the Petitioners for a Law to improve the Navigation of *Shearman's* Creek have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

The Petition from *Myer Hart*, of *Easton*, Shopkeeper, to the late Assembly for Reimbursement of his Loss by a Boat Load of Wheat sunk in the River *Delaware*, being read, was, after due Consideration, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Creditors of *Richard Gardiner*, a Lunatic, was read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Shoemaker* and Mr. *Mifflin* be a Committee to enquire into the Insanity of the said *Gardiner*, and report thereon to the House.

The Petitions from *Mary Bewley*, *Isaac Bewley*, *John Shoemaker* and *William Martin*, respecting the Loss of Title-Deeds, being read by Order, were referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Allegations of the Petitioners.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Ellicot*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Webb* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "*An Act directing the*

Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province."

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the County of *Northampton* for an additional Representative in Assembly, and after some Time spent therein, the Question being called for and put by the Speaker, Whether a Committee shall be appointed to prepare a Bill for granting to the County of *Northampton* another Representative in the Assembly of this Province?—*Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Hockley*, Mr. *Whitelock*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the said Purpose.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *John Dick*, of *Chester* County, Taylor, was again read, and after some Debate, referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Allegations of the Petitioner.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Rules for better regulating the Use of the Books in the Assembly Library, presented to the Chair an Essay for that Purpose, which was read by Order.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 8, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "*An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province*," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Draught of Rules for the Assembly Library brought in Yesterday, and after some Time spent therein, ordered that the same do lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for granting an additional Representative to the County of *Northampton*, reported an Essay for that Purpose, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-West Part of* Bucks *into a separate County*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the building a Dam on* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cumberland, *and for making the said Creek a public Highway,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Matters recommended over by the late Assembly, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That this House will take effectual Measures to recover from the Securities of *Richard Pearne*, deceased, late Collector of the Duties of Tonnage, the Monies due from them to the Public, unless the same be paid forthwith into the Provincial Treasury.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do give Notice to the said Securities of the above Resolve.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 9, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province,*" which being read the second time, and debated, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 11, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Jnauary 12, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *John Jacobs*, this Day appearing in the House the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Insanity of *Richard Gardiner*, pursuant to the Order for that

Purpose, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed to make Enquiry respecting the Insanity of *Richard Gardiner*, now confined in the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, beg Leave to report, that, from our own Observation, and the Opinions of several Managers and Physicians of that Institution, and in particular from a Certificate under the Hand of Doctor *Thomas Bond*, delivered herewith, we have no doubt of said *Gardiner's* being insane.

Submitted to the House by

SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
January 12, 1773. MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
THOMAS MIFFLIN."

The Certificate, delivered with the above Report, is as follows, *viz.*

AT the Request of the Committee of the House of Assembly, I have carefully observed the Behaviour and Symptoms of Captain *Richard Gardiner*, now confined in the *Pennsylvania* Hospital for Insanity, and am convinced his rational Faculties are totally deranged, so that he now is, and has been for a considerable Time, in a State of Idiotism; as Witness my Hand,

Philadelphia, January 12, 1773. THOMAS BOND."

A Petition from *John Kells*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Germantown*, and the neighbouring Townships, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that several Persons in that Neighbourhood have made it their Practice to go up many Miles in the Country, and on the public Roads that lead to *Germantown* and *Philadelphia*, to buy and contract for all the Rye-Meal and Butter, &c. which the Farmers intend to bring to the Markets of *Germantown* and *Philadelphia*, and having thus got into their Possession that Sort of Meal which the *German* Families use to make their Bread of, they sell the Meal at *Germantown* with the Advance of Three or Four Shillings in the Hundred Weight to the Housekeepers, who are thereby unjustly deprived of the Benefit of the Markets;—that the Petitioners apprehend this Practice is at

least forestalling the Markets, if not at the same Time engrossing, and that it ought to be discountenanced and suppressed by the Legislature of an *English* Country;—that although it seems as if by one Clause in the Act of General Assembly of this Province, passed in the 8th of *George* the first, entituled, "*An Act for encouraging the making of good Beer, and for the Consumption of Grain in this Province,*" all the Statutes made in *Great-Britain* against Forestallers, Regraters and Engrossers, had been extended to this Province, yet as this Act of Assembly is worded, it would be difficult to convict any Person upon the aforesaid *English* Statutes, without proving that the Offenders, one with the other, had entered into such Confederacy or Combination as in the said Act of Assembly is made the Criterion of the Offence:—The Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that a clear and effectual Law of this Province may be passed for the suppressing and punishing the Offences of forestalling, regrating and engrossing. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have been put to great Inconvenience by means of the high Rate settled by Act of Assembly for Wolves Heads, the Money raised by Taxation in the said County being found insufficient to defray this Expence, as a great Part of *Bedford* is very mountainous, improper for Settlements, and of Course a Place of Residence or Haunt for great Numbers of these and other wild Beasts;—that between the *Tuscarora* Mountain and *Ligonier* the Country is exceeding rough, and the Inhabitants so few, that, without Assistance from the Government, the Roads in that Part cannot be kept in such Repair as to make them passable;—that from this Cause Travellers are often detained, the Trade of the Province in this Part obstructed, and many People discouraged from settling over the *Allegany* Mountain:—That the Petitioners therefore pray, the Honourable House would repeal or suspend the afore-mentioned Act with respect to the County of *Bedford* for some Time to come, or moderate the Price of Wolves Heads, and grant such other Relief in Regard to the Roads, as may appear to them most conducive to the Benefit of the said County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Pursuant to the Resolve of *Thursday* last, (which was read by Order) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Consideration of striking and emitting Bills of Credit on Loan, to provide a Fund for defraying the

Expences of Government; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Ashbridge* reported from the Committee, that they had taken into Consideration the Business referred to them, but not having Time this Morning to come to a full Result thereon, they had ordered him to request Leave for the Committee to sit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to by the House, they adjourned to Four o'Clock, P. M.

The Order of the Forenoon being read, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of striking and emitting Bills of Credit on Loan, to provide a Fund for defraying the Expences of Government, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Ashbridge* reported from the Committee, that having finished their Deliberations on the Matter before them, and come to some Resolutions thereon, he was ordered to report the same whenever the House may be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Resolutions of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Asbridge* then, according to Order, reported the said Resolutions, which he first read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Clerk's Table, where the same were again read by Order, and follow in these Words, *viz.*

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Bill be brought in for emitting on Loan the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, and to provide a Fund for the Payment of the Exigencies of Government.

Resolved, That the People of each County shall have the Liberty of taking on Mortgage a Proportion of the Money within a certain Time, to be limited in the Bill.

Resolved, That a Provision be made in the Bill to oblige each County of this Province to pay all Deficiencies, which may happen therein through any Defect in the mortgaged Premises.

Resolved, That there shall be a Certificate of the Value of the Lands intended to be mortgaged, from the Commissioners of those Counties in which there may be no Trustees appointed, before any Monies shall be lent by the Trustees.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 13, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Hunter*, this Day appearing in the

House the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

The Resolves of the Committee, reported Yesterday, being again read,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, agreeable to the foregoing Resolves of the Committee, for emitting on Loan the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Thousand Pounds*.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-West Part of the County of* Bucks *into a separate County*," which being read through the second time, and debated, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the said Bill shall be transcribed for a third Reading?—*Carried in the Negative*.

YEAS.

Mr. *Israel Jacobs*,	Mr. *Ferree*,
Mr. *Rhoads*,	Mr. *Webb*,
Mr. *Roberts*,	Mr. *Pope*,
Mr. *Foulke*,	Mr. *Allen*,
Mr. *Krewsen*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Chapman*,	Mr. *Edmonds*,
Mr. *Ashbridge*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Minshall*,	Mr. *Hunter*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Pawling*,	Mr. *Ellicot*,
Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Humphreys*,
Mr. *King*,	Mr. *Pearson*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Morton*,
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *John Jacobs*,
Mr. *Shoemaker*,	Mr. *Hockley*,
Mr. *Mifflin*,	Mr. *Bartholomew*,
Mr. *Rodman*,	Mr. *Whitelock*.
Mr. *Brown*,	

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Insanity of *Richard Gardiner*, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and

bring in a Bill for appointing a Committee of Lunacy for the said *Gardiner*.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The petition from the County of *Lancaster*, concerning the Killing of Deer out of Season, was read the second time, and, after some Debate, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Traders and Inhabitants at *Pittsburg*, and others, Inhabitants on the Western Frontier of *Pennsylvania*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Fortress of *Pittsburg* is soon to be demolished and his Majesty's Troops with-drawn from that Country;—that the Petitioners have great Reason to fear an *Indian* War will soon follow, if not be the immediate Consequence;—that on such Event the Situation of the Petitioners will be most deplorable,—their Lives and Properties exposed to the Ravages of a merciless Enemy,—no Place of Safety in the whole Country to which they might retire with their Families and Effects, nor any Stock of Ammunition or Provisions to enable them to repel such Incursions;—that the Savages, by possessing themselves of the Passes in the Mountains, may prevent the Possibility of a Retreat into the interior Parts of the Province, and change this flourishing infant Settlement into a melancholy Scene of Blood and Desolation:—The Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them in their Wisdom shall appear most proper.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Berks* and *Northumberland* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that a Provincial Road has been laid out from the Town of *Reading* to Fort *Augusta*, and praying Assistance towards the better opening and further improving the said Road. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 14, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being in Part read the first time, the House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Christopher Hansell*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the

House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts,*" which being read through the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Petition from the County of *Bedford*, respecting the Allowance on Wolves Heads, and praying Assistance for the opening and improving Roads in the said County, was again read, and, after some Debate, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 15, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a considerable Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, praying the House will draw up and transmit to their Agent in *London* such Representations to the King and Parliament, as may be thought most effectual towards preventing the future Importation of Negroes into this Province.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts,*" which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Germantown*, and the neighbouring Townships, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions of *John Kells* and *Christopher Hansell*, insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 16, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and took up the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, concerning the pernicious Consequences of importing Negroes into this Province, which was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 18, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Return from the Sheriff of *Lancaster* County, certifying that, on the Thirteenth Instant, *George Ross*, Esq; was duly elected to serve in this Assembly as a Representative for the said County in the Room of *Jacob Carpenter*, Esq; lately deceased.

A Memorial and Petition from the Managers of the Corporation of Contributors to the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, &c. was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that from a great Number of poor Persons admitted into the said House of Employment, (many of whom have no legal Settlement here, and therefore ought to be maintained at a Provincial Expence) the Managers find it difficult to support them, without laying a third Tax of *Three-pence* in the Pound, (two Taxes being already laid this Year and near expended) which from the present Decay of Trade, and other adventitious Circumstances, would occasion great Complaint, and be difficult to collect without Distress; and that the Memorialists understanding the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerned for the Prosperity of the Trade of the Province, have presented a Petition to the Honourable House, respecting the Regulation of the Sales of Goods or Merchandize at Auction or public Vendue, they pray, in Case the Prayer of the said Petition should be granted, and a Duty or Tax be thought proper to be laid on such Sales, that in the Appropriation of the Monies thence arising, the Poor of the City and Districts aforesaid may be esteemed Objects worthy the Attention of the House. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition of *Henry Mosser*, of *Lancaster* County, referred over by the late Assembly, and, after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Whitelock* and Mr. *Biddle* be a

Committee to make Enquiry into the Matters set forth in the said Petition, and collect the Proofs to be obtained in Support of them, to be laid before the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

January 19, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they apprehend the very great Disadvantages the Trade of this Port now labours under by the Impediments occasioned by the Ice during the Winter Season, may in a great Measure be remedied by enacting a Law supplementary to the Act or Acts now in Force respecting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, and the Buoys in *Delaware* Bay, thereby impowering the Commissioners of the Light-house to erect Piers, and other useful and necessary Things for securing and rendering more easy the Navigation of the Bay and River *Delaware* during the Severity of Winter; but in order to be more clearly understood, the Petitioners have annexed to their Petition a Plan of what they propose, humbly submitting the same to the Consideration of the House, and hoping they will afford the Commerce of this Country the Countenance and Protection due to an Object of so much Importance, by doing in the Premises what to them may appear best.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Mileisey*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Cuthbert*, of *West-Whiteland*, in the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for supplying a Defect in his Title to certain Tracts of Land, occasioned by the Loss of several Deeds burnt with his Dwelling-house on the Twenty-seventh Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Berks* and *Northumberland*, for Assistance in opening and better improving a public Road laid out from the Town of *Reading* to Fort *Augusta*, and, after some Debate,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given by this House for the said Purpose, and that the

same be paid into the Hands of *Thomas Wright*, *Joseph Penrose*, *Ellis Hughes*, *Samuel Hunter*, junior, and *Isaac Willets*, late Commissioners for opening the said Road, to be by them applied as above directed.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Biddle*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 20, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," being transcribed according to Order, was in Part read the third time, and compared, when the Question being called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether there shall be Five Trustees appointed in the said Bill?—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. *Israel Jacobs*,	Mr. *Pearson*,
Mr. *Roberts*,	Mr. *Morton*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *John Jacobs*,
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Minshall*,
Mr. *Krewsen*,	Mr. *Bartholomew*,
Mr. *Brown*,	Mr. *Ferree*,
Mr. *Chapman*,	Mr. *Whitelock*,
Mr. *Ellicot*,	Mr. *Webb*,
Mr. *Humphreys*,	Mr. *Pope*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Pawling*,	Mr. *Shepherd*,
Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Ashbridge*,
Mr. *Rhoads*,	Mr. *Allen*,
Mr. *King*,	Mr. *Biddle*,
Mr. *Shoemaker*,	Mr. *Edmonds*,
Mr. *Mifflin*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Foulke*,	Mr. *Hunter*.
Mr. *Rodman*,	

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Bedford* County, near Fort *Pitt*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that as the King's Troops have been lately withdrawn from the said Fort, the Petitioners apprehend themselves to be in a dangerous Situation from the *Indians*, who may soon be expected to make Incursions upon them in their

present defenceless State, and praying the Protection of a few Troops to re-garrison the said Fort, for the better Security of the Petitioners and their Families.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House preceeded in the third Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of Public Debts,*" and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 21, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of Public Debts,*" and after some further Progress in the third Reading of the said Bill, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts,*" which being read through the third time, and the Names of the Trustees inserted,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and *Mr. Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and also the Bill for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "*An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors,*" &c. for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia* was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to enable the Commissioners of the Light-house to erect Piers in the River *Delaware*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *John Cuthbert*, of *West-Whiteland*, in the County of *Chester*, respecting certain Deeds lost by Fire, and praying the Aid of the Legislature to supply the Defect in his Title, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner give Notice in the public news-Papers, for Three Months at least, of his having lost the said Deeds, and of his Application to this House for a Remedy.

The Petition of *John Mileisey*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Lancaster* County, was read the second time, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 22, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed Yesterday, and the Bill for making perpetual the Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, *&c.* reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

The House taking into Consideration the Conveniency of another Market-house in the City of *Philadelphia*, after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the Want of an additional Market-House or Houses in the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Accommodation of the Inhabitants bringing their Produce to Market for the Supply of the said City, is a public Grievance.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to confer with the Corporation of the said City, be instructed to represent to them the said Grievance, and to confer with them on the best Mode of removing it in future, and to make Report to this House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *James Jones*, *Lewis Jones*, and *Lydia Stretch*, Widow of *Joseph Stretch*, deceased, formerly a Security with the said *James* and *Lewis* of *Richard Pearne*, late Collector of the Duties of Tonnage, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the Distress they must suffer if compelled to discharge the Sum in which they were bound on account of the said *Pearne*, and praying the House will exercise towards them such Tenderness as the peculiar Hardship of their Case may appear to require.

Upon the Consideration of the foregoing Petition,

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Whitelock*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to enquire into the Circumstances of the Petitioners, and report the same to the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 23, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County and City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, pointing out some Defects and Inconveniences that have, upon Experience, been discovered in the Act of Assembly lately passed, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather*," and praying Relief therein, either by a total Repeal of the said Act, or such Amendments of the exceptionable Parts, as may be suggested by the Wisdom of the House. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition presented to, and recommended over by, the late Assembly, for regulating Vendues held in the City and Suburbs of *Philadelphia*, and, after some Debate, referred the same to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 25, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Remonstrance and Petition from the Commissioners, Assessors and Freemen of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, for sinking certain Sums of Money granted during the late War to the King's Use, a Tax has been laid on all Estates real and personal within the Province; and for the more equitable Assessment of the same, an Essay was made *Anno* 1760, by Order of Assembly, for ascertaining the annual Quotas that might be raised by the City and each of the Counties, agreeable to the Quantity of Land and Number of Taxables, then returned in each of them respectively.

That the City and County of *Philadelphia*, in the Faith and Confidence, that Justice and the Spirit of the Law would be regarded in the Assessments of the other Counties, have from Time to Time assessed and paid into the public Treasury Sums so consonant to Law and the Estimate at first made, that their Quota will be nearly paid in the Time originally proposed, *viz.* by the Tax of the Year 1772, now levied, notwithstanding the said Estimate was at first thought to bear too hard on the City and County, compared with the Rate proposed for the other Parts of the Province.

That although the other Counties generally be more or less deficient in their Quotas, yet some of them have fallen so remarkably short, *viz. Northampton, Berks, Lancaster* and *York*, that at their present Rate of assessing themselves, *Berks* and *Lancaster* would require at least eight Years more

to raise their full Proportion, and *York* fifteen Years; notwithstanding these Counties since the Year 1760, and *York* particularly, have encreased greatly in their Number of Inhabitants, the Quantity of cultivated Land, and their Ability to raise Taxes, while the State of the three interior Counties remains nearly the same.

In order to account for these glaring Deficiencies, and to point out some of the numerous Instances in which these defaulting Counties deviate from the Law, and the Mode of Assessment pursued by the City and County of *Philadelphia*, the Remonstrants further beg Leave to observe,

"That in the Assessments laid in these defaulting Counties, little Regard seems to be paid to the Quantity or Quality of the Lands, the Value of Stock, or other Property of the Inhabitants; and, in particular, although the Law directs that Grist-Mills, Saw-Mills, Forges, Furnaces and Ferries, shall be assessed at Three Fifths of their annual Rent or Value, many of them are rated at less than One Third, and others not even returned for Assessment; and Negroes, who between certain Ages should, by Law, be charged at *Six Shillings* per Head, are in some Places taxed only at Half that Sum; for the Truth of all which the Remonstrants refer to the Transcripts of Assessment annually laid before the Assembly."

Upon the Whole, as it is evident, that when the Tax now laying shall be paid by the City and County of *Philadelphia*, they will have contributed near *Nine Thousand Pounds* more than their full Proportion of the Debt contracted for the King's Use; and will, if the present Mode of Assessment is continued till the Whole of that Debt is discharged, have contributed upwards of *Forty Thousand Pounds* that ought to have been raised in the other Counties, (besides the unequal Proportion of Taxes which appears to be charged in these Counties on all Lands belonging to Residents in this City and County) the Remonstrants think it their Duty, with all proper Deference, to remonstrate, "That a Continuance of Assessments on the Estates real and personal of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, beyond the present Year, for the Discharge of the Debt, would be partial, unjust and oppressive:" And as the Remonstrants are confident that the Representatives of the Freemen of *Pennsylvania* will ever consider distributive Justice, an impartial Taxation, and a due Execution of the Laws made for that Purpose, as the chief Objects that should employ their Care, they pray the Honourable House will take the Premises into their Consideration, and grant such Relief as shall be consonant to

Justice, and do Honour to the Laws and good Policy of *Pennsylvania.* *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

January 26, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Corporation of the City on the Building another Market-House, reported they had had a Meeting with a Number of the Members of that Board, and after a free Conference on the Subject aforesaid, were desired to acquaint the House, that the Corporation agreed with them in the Opinion that an additional Market-House was become necessary for the better Accommodation of the Country People bringing Supplies to the City, and had come to a Resolution of building the same at their own Expence.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *William Martin* was referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee of Grievances, beg Leave to report, that, agreeable to the Order of the House, we have carefully examined the Allegations contained in the Petition of *William Martin*, of *Chester* County, relative to his Loss of two Title-Deeds by Fire, and from the Testimony of *John Jacobs*, Esq; *Thomas Lightfoot* and *David John*, all of *Chester* County, find that a Deed from *John Budd* and *Rebecca* his Wife, to *John Martin* and *William Martin*, dated the 8th of *April*, 1714, for 300 Acres of Land (Part of One Thousand Acres patented to the said *John Budd)* and a Deed from *Thomas Martin* and *Martha* his Wife, and *Lewellin Martin* to *Lewis Martin*, dated the 6th of *June*, 1751, for the same 300 Acres, were actually in the Possession of the said *William Martin*, whose Dwelling-House, about three Years ago, was destroyed by Fire; at which Time we have much Reason to believe the Deeds above-mentioned were unfortunately lost.

And as proper Notice has been given in the public Papers of said *Martin's* Application to the Legislature of this Province to supply the Loss of the Deeds above recited, we are of Opinion he should be permitted to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Submitted to the House by.
January 26, 1773.

JOSEPH FERREE, JOSEPH PARKER,
JAMES EWING, THOMAS MIFFLIN,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN FOULKE,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW."

A Memorial and Petition of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the County Gaol and Work-House, situate near the Center of the inhabited Parts of the City, from the Badness of the Materials and Worksmanship in divers Places, and the Ease with which evil-disposed Persons may assist Felons to escape, by breaking such Places, are become dangerous to the Peace and good Order of the City;—that from the Smallness of the Lot of Ground, and Inconveniency of the Buildings, the Number of Criminals and other Prisoners generally confined there, have not Room for the common Offices of Life; and in case a malignant Disease should prevail among the Prisoners, the Health and Lives of the Citizens, and others, having an Intercourse with them, may be greatly endangered;—that as the Preservation of the Life of the Subject is the first and most important End of Government, the Memorialists pray, the Honourable House will take the Premises into Consideration, and grant to the County Commissioners, Assessors and Justices of the Peace, full Powers to purchase a Lot of Ground, erect a commodious County Gaol, and to dispose of the Ground whereon the present Gaol and Work-House are built.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants on the West-Side of *Laurel-Hill*, in the County of *Bedford*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they labour under very great Hardships and Inconveniences in being so remote from the Courts of Justice, and the public Offices in the said County, many of the Petitioners living at the Distance of an Hundred Miles from the County Town, and the Roads so very bad at some Seasons as to be almost impassable;—that in consequence thereof, the Fees of the Sheriff and other Officers are much encreased, and become a heavy Grievance to the Petitioners, who therefore most humbly pray the Honourable House, to erect the said Part of the County of *Bedford*, West of *Laurel-Hill*, into a separate County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Berks*

was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by the late Determinations of the Courts of this Province in Trials on Indictments, preferred for Nuisances in Roads or Highways, where they have been viewed and laid out but by four or five of the six Persons appointed according to Law for that Purpose, notwithstanding Confirmation thereon had, the Indictments cannot be supported:—And that many of the Roads in the said County of *Berks* have been viewed and laid out in such Manner, and thereby are in Danger of being reversed, or of having Nuisances thereon committed with Impunity: Wherefore the Petitioners humbly pray the House, to take the Premises into their Consideration, and grant such Remedy therein as to them shall seem meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 27, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Mifflin*, by Request of the Managers of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, laid before the House a State of the Accounts of the said Hospital for the preceding Year, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

ABSTRACT *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *adjusted by the* MANAGERS, *being a Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year, ending the Second of the* Fifth Month, (May) 1772, *laid before the Contributors, at their Annual Meeting, held at the said Hospital at that Time.*

BALANCE at the Settlement of Accounts last Year, viz.							
In the Hands of the Treasurer Thomas Wharton — — — — — —	£	73	13	4			
And in the Hands of the Matron —		10	15	9½			
					£	84	9 1½

Receipts this Year, *viz.*

Of sundry Contributors, their Notes paid off — — —						100	0 0
Contributions from private Persons, including £ 54, received from 12 Signers of Paper Currency — — — —						207	5 0
Legacies by Will — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						180	0 0
Annuities this Year — — — — — — — — — — — — —						97	12 0
Interest from Borrowers of Money lent	£	445	12	5½			
from sundry Contributors, Interest of their Notes — — — — — — — — — —		70	5	0			
						515	17 5½
Groundrents — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						12	3 0
Principal Sums paid in, and Money Borrowed — — — — — — — — — — —	£	1,800	0	0			
Deduct Money lent and paid off —		1,100	0	0			
						700	0 0
Board of Pay Patients — — — — — — — — — — — —						428	0 11
From three Students, for the Privilege of attending the Practice of the Hospital, £ 5 each — — — — — —						15	0 0
From eleven Students, for the Privilege of attending Dr. Bond's Clinical Lectures, 20s. each — — — — — —						11	0 0

For some small Articles sold					5 13 2
For viewing the Anatomical Paintings and Casts					9 17 6
From Charity Boxes, viz.					
In the Hall of the Hospital	£	24	4	11	
The Provincial Assembly's		6	8	8	
					30 13 7
					£ 2,397 11 9

Payments this Year, *viz.*

Sundry Disbursements on the Building				£	85 4 2
Furniture, being mostly Beds and Bedding					55 11 11
Drugs and Medicines					85 18 3
Wages to the Apothecary, Matron, Nurses and Servants, &c.					295 16 8
An Annuity paid to the late Widow of Charles Harrison two Years					48 15 0
Incidental Charges					1 5 0
Firewood and Coal					226 16 6½
Common Houshold Expences, viz.					
Flour, Middlings and Indian Meal	£	511	5	8¾	
Indian Corn		10	16	0	
Butchers Meat		342	18	8½	
Milk		184	7	8	
Soap and Candles		34	11	11½	
Melasses and Sugar		138	4	2	
Tea, Coffee and Chocolate		30	3	4	
Rice, Butter, Apples, Potatoes, Turnips, Vinegar, Mustard, &c. &c.		258	16	8¾	
					1,511 4 3½
					£ 2,310 11 10
Balance remaining due to the Hospital,					
In the Hands of the Treasurer Thomas Wharton	£	41	13	5	
In the Hands of the Matron		45	6	6	
					86 19 11
					£ 2,397 11 9

Examined by

ISRAEL PEMBERTON,
JOSEPH MORRIS."

LIST *of new Contributions in the Year, ending the 2d of* 5th Month (May), 1772.

John Cadwalader	£	50	0	0	Joseph Richardson, S. Smith, additional		1	0	0
David Hall, additional		25	0	0	Dennis Dougherty		1	0	0
Thomas Harper		15	0	0	Joseph Morris,	by signing Paper Currency	4	10	0
Samuel Coates		10	0	0	William Fisher,		4	10	0
Samuel Fisher, junior		10	0	0	Joshua Howell,		4	10	0
John Wharton		10	0	0	Luke Morris,		4	10	0
Robert Stephenson		10	0	0	Daniel Roberdeau,		4	10	0
Charles Lyon, additional		7	0	0	Isaac Cox,		4	10	0
A Person unknown, by the Hands of Hugh Roberts,		10	0	0	Jacob Shoemaker, jun.		4	10	0
Rowland Pritchard		3	0	0	Stephen Collins,		4	10	0
William and Thomas Bradford		1	5	0	Francis Hopkinson,		4	10	0
					Robert S. Jones,		4	10	0
					Joel Evans,		4	10	0
					Thomas Mifflin		4	10	0
					Carried forward	£	207	5	0

Brought forward	£ 207	5	0
James Biddle, Esq;	10	0	0
George Bartram —	10	0	0
Joseph Shippen jun. Esq; — — — —	10	0	0
Dr. John Day — —	15	0	0
Joseph Stout — —	10	0	0
Sharp Delaney — —	10	0	0
Daniel Drinker — —	10	0	0
Dr. Samuel Duffield — — — —	10	0	0
Peter Stretch — —	15	0	0
Thomas Wishart —	10	0	0
John Evans, *Hatter*	10	0	0
Benedict Dorsey —	15	0	0
Joshua Cresson —	15	0	0
Samuel Howell, jun.	15	0	0
James Stewart, *Merchant* — — —	10	0	0
Blair M'Clennahan	10	0	0
Adam Hubley — —	10	0	0
The Treasurer has received Notes for these			
	£ 402	5	0

LEGACIES by Will.

The above have been paid the Treasurer.

Christopher Brown's, a farther Payment — — — —	£ 50	0	0
Thomas Robinson —	50	0	0
John Peters — —	10	0	0
Gilbert Deacon —	10	0	0
Rachel Emlen — —	50	0	0
Conrad Kelmer —	10	0	0
William White —	80	0	0
Peter Turner — —	100	0	0
£	360	0	0

CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *the Second of* Fifth Month (May), 1772.

Bonds and Promissory Notes taken from sundry Contributors for their respective Subscriptions, — — — —	£ 1,937	13	4
Subscriptions for which Notes are not yet obtained, —	83	10	0
Mortgages and Bonds for Money lent on Interest, — —	6,795	19	0

Real Estate, per Deeds in the Custody of the Treasurer, *viz.*

A Lot of Ground in the Northern Liberties, on Germantown Road, the Gift of Matthias Koplin, — — — — — — —	£	24	0	0		
An Annuity of £ 6 per Annum, issuing out of a House and Lot in Derby, the Gift of Isaac Norris, Esq; — — — —		100	0	0		
Three Annuities, amounting to £10 1 4, per Annum, issuing out of Three Houses and Lots in Philadelphia, the Devise of Mary Andrews — — — —		200	0	0		
An Annuity of 14 Pistoles per Annum, issuing out of a House and Lot in Chestnut-Street, Part of the Estate of John Jones — — — — — — — — —		378	0	0		
Three Annuities amounting to 17 and an Half Pistoles per Annum, issuing out of Three Houses and Lots in Southwark, bought by the Managers — —		400	2	0		
The Moiety of the Square next Westward of the Hospital, with the Buildings thereon, — — — — — — —		443	17	6		
The Moiety of the Square next Eastward of the Hospital, bought of Reuben Haines — — — — — — — —		607	0	0		
					2,152	19 6
Doctor John Fothergill's Donation of Anatomical Paintings and Casts — — — — — — — —					350	0 0
					£11,290	1 10

And an Annuity of £ 6. per Annum, during the Life of Joseph Mountz,
Besides the Lot on which the Hospital is erected, and the Improvements thereon.

By a List of the Names and Cases of the Patients, it appears there have been 509 poor diseased Persons admitted into this Hospital within the Year, ending the Second of the Fifth Month (May), 1772, among whom were 76 Lunaticks, or such who were disordered in their Understandings. And discharged,

Cured	289
Relieved	23
Eloped, several of them relieved	12
At their own Request	6
At the Request of their Friends	6
For irregular Behavior	7
Died	61
	404
Remain in the House	105
	509

Besides some Out-Patients, who have received Medicines, whose Cases were not proper to be admitted into the Hospital.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Ellicot*, Mr. *Hockley*, Mr. *Whitelock*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to visit the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, and report the State and Oeconomy thereof to the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for making perpetual an Act, entituled, "An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding general Elections in this Province*," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same into a Law whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Secretary also brought down and delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," with a Paper of Amendments thereto, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Commissioners of the Light-house to erect Piers in the River *Delaware*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee of Grievances reported, that, upon a full Hearing of the Evidences produced by *John Dicks*, in Support of the Charge brought in his Petition to the House against his Wife, late *Mary Culin*, they do not find the same duly

proved, and are therefore of Opinion the said Petition ought to be dismissed.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 28, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Cordwainers of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, pointing out some Defects in the late Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather*," and recommending certain Alterations, which they apprehend may better effect the good Purposes of the said Act. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Daniel Narragang*, of *Lower Saucon*, in the County of *Northampton*, was presented to the House and read, complaining against the Conduct of *Lewis Klutz* and *Henry Koken*, Esqr's. Magistrates of the said County.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments, sent down Yesterday with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," which being in Part read, and agreed to,

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Christopher Colles*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Assistance from the Legislature, in providing himself with an Apparatus for a Course of Lectures on the Science of Mechanics, which he proposes shortly to exhibit.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," and after some Time spent therein, an Answer to the same being drawn at the Table, and agreed to by the House,

Ordered, That Mr. *Bartholomew* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor with the said Answer, and return the said Bill for his further Consideration.

The Members return, and report they had delivered the Answer to the House to his Honour's Amendments, with the Bill to which they refer, and that he was pleased to say he would take the same into immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to appoint Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was referred to further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, again sent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" and acquainted the House that he agreed to their proposed Alteration of his seventh Amendment to the same.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed accordingly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 29, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being gone through, and debated Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition, signed *Frederick Phile*, Practitioner in Physic, *William Sheaff*, *Henry Sheaff*, Grocers, and *Jacob Mayer*, Peruke-Maker,—Natives of *Germany*, and Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia:* Also a Petition from *Francis Caspar Hasenclever*, Merchant born in the Dutchy of *Bergen*, and now a Resident in the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Petitioners to hold Lands, and to invest them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province.

The House, upon Motion, taking into Consideration the Petition presented to, and recommended over by, the late Assembly, for regulating and limiting the Number of Vendues within the District of *Southwark* and the *Northern Liberties* of this City, after a considerable Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Whitelock*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to prepare and bring a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the said Petition.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, with two Petitions therein referred to, from a Number of the Inhabitants near Fort *Pitt*, in the County of *Bedford*, and the said Message being read by Order, follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'I Think it incumbent upon me to inform you, that the late Evacuation of Fort *Pitt*, by Order of the Commander in Chief, hath greatly alarmed the Inhabitants of this Province, settled beyond the *Allegany* Mountain, who have been used to look upon that Fortress as their Safeguard against the Incursions of the *Indians*. I have received from the People in that Quarter several Petitions, (which I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you) expressing their Apprehensions of the dangerous Situation to which they are reduced, and praying from Government a suitable Relief. Upon Receipt of these Petitions, I wrote to General *Gage* by Express, requesting the Continuance of a small Garrison at that Post, at least till the Meeting of the Assembly. But the General was of Opinion that the Execution of his Orders was too far advanced to be countermanded; nor did he seem to think it expedient for him to have continued any of the Troops there, had my Letter been received in Time.

'It cannot be doubted that the late Military Establishment at Fort *Pitt* did very greatly contribute to the rapid Population of the Country beyond the Mountains; and that the withdrawing the King's Troops, must of Course not only depress the Spirits of the present Settlers, but retard the Progress of the Settlement. I persuade myself that you will view the Safety and Protection of that extensive and flourishing District as an Object of great Importance, and worthy of the public Attention. And as it appears to me that the most proper, and indeed only Assistance, which can be afforded these People, is the Supporting a small Garrison at that Post, I find myself under the Necessity of applying to you to enable me to carry that Measure into Execution.

January 29, 1773. *RICHARD PENN.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 30, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *Rhoads*, one of the Committee appointed by the late Assembly to view and level the Waters of *Susquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and *Leheigh*, presented to the Chair a written Report of their Proceedings in that Business, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of* PENNSYLVANIA, *in* ASSEMBLY *met.*

THE Subscribers being, with several others, appointed by the late Honourable House of Assembly to view and level the

Waters of *Schuylkill*, *Susquehanna* and the *Leheigh*, have in consequence of the said Appointment, and in Obedience to the Order of Assembly, made some Progress therein, and now beg Leave to report, that having formerly surveyed and levelled the River *Schuylkill*, from the Tide-Water to the Mouth of the *Valley* Creek, and from thence over the Lands, through the Valley, to the Sign of the *Ship* on the *Lancaster* Road: We consulted several of those named in the Appointment with us, and all concurred in Opinion, that the Work of general Levelling should be continued and prosecuted until the Height of the middle Ground, and the Quantity of Water to supply the Canal of Partition should be known; that this was necessary before a right Judgment could be formed of the Practicability, and much more before the Situation or Line of a Canal could be determined. And until such Line could be nearly ascertained, the Expence of Chain Carriers, and taking the exact Courses and Distances, might be avoided. But it appeared to us to be of great Importance to have good Staffmen, whose Business is to measure the Height of the Level at every Station, to enter the same in a Book, and preserve the Accounts with great Care. Accordingly we, with their Approbation, engaged *Benjamin Davis* and *James Dickenson* to undertake that Service, and on the 10th of *November*, 1772, in company with *John Sellers*, of *Chester* County, began to level at Highwater Mark in *Schuylkill*, near the Middle Ferry, and proceeded through the Townships of *Haverford*, *Goshen*, &c. in *Chester* County, to the Sign of the *Ship*, where our former Survey ended. This Course afforded an Opportunity of viewing the Ground and levelling many of the Waters South of the *Great Valley*, and also of satisfying ourselves respecting the Truth and Certainty of our Instruments; and we had the Pleasure to find much greater Accuracy than could be expected in Lines run so hastily over such an Extent of rough hilly Ground, the whole Difference not being one Inch in each Mile of levelling. From the *Ship* we proceeded to the Heads of *Brandewine*, in the Hills called the *Welch* Mountain, being one of the Hills of Partition dividing the Waters of *Schuylkill* and *Delaware* from those of *Susquehanna*, and from whose Sides many of them issue.

Amongst these Hills we, with *William Henry*, of *Lancaster*, were employed several Days in discovering the lowest Passage across them, inspecting the deep Gullies which nearly approach each other from the opposite Sides, and in examining and levelling several large Springs of Water Heads of *Brandewine* and *Pequea* Creek, when all of us were fully satisfied of the

Plenty of Water to supply the Canal, and of the Probability of piercing the Hill from one of those Gullies to another at a moderate Expence, we were encouraged to proceed in levelling from thence through *Lancaster* to the *Susquehanna*, and found, as we had expected, that River upwards of 200 Feet higher than the Tide-Waters of *Schuylkill* and *Delaware*; a Circumstance greatly favourable to an inland Navigation, which must inevitably pass over Ground of much superior Height.

In our Return from *Susquehanna* we levelled across the Ridges of Land dividing the Waters of *Conestogo* Creek from *French* Creek, *Hay* Creek and *Brandewine*, and found there a Sufficiency of Water above those Ridges. We have likewise levelled from the Tide-Waters of *Schuylkill* up the *Mill* Creek a Sort of natural Canal several Miles in Length to the Head of the *Gulf* Creek, and find a good Passage may be obtained that Way by piercing one of the Ridges on the South-East Part of the *Valley*, or by winding round its Eastern Extremity near the *Gulf*.

To explain our Proceedings in the best Manner we can, and give the House all the Satisfaction in our Power, we have formed a Draught of the Country through which we passed, with Notes and References thereto, shewing the Situations and Heights above the Tide-Water of the several Tracts of Land, Hills and Streams over which we levelled, and have attempted to draw (without pretending to Exactness) some of those Lines in which we apprehend it practicable and easy to form the proposed Navigation, which is herewith delivered.

The great Importance of the Object in View, and the Consequence of erring in Judgement, respecting the Situation or Line where the Canal can best be formed amidst the Variety of Places where it may be practicable, makes us unwilling to proceed to the full Extent of the Orders heretofore given by the House, without further Assistance therein. Some Experience in Works of this Kind being necessary to determine such Line, and estimate the Expence with any Degree of Precision; and whether it is most eligible to pass directly over the Lands from the City to the *Susquehanna* near *Wright's* Ferry, or up the *Schuylkill* to *French* Creek, or *Tulpehoccon*, and across the Country near one of those Creeks. In one Case the Expence will be greatest from the Length of the Canal to be dug, but the Navigation secure and certain. In the others Nature has done a great Part, which may lessen the first Expense, but the Passage will be precarious.

We therefore submit the Consideration of these Circumstances to the Honourable House, and beg Leave to recommend to them the procuring from *Europe* such Assistance as the Importance of the Work may require.

In the mean Time we shall examine some other Parts of the Country where a Communication is thought practicable, particularly that between *Tulpehoccon* and *Quitapihilla*, and make a more accurate Survey of that which shall appear to be most eligible for the proposed Navigation. *All which is submitted to the House by*

January the 29th, 1773. SAMUEL RHOADS,
DAVID RITTENHOUSE."

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Hockley* be a Committee to bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable*, &c."

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 1, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preservation of Fish in the said River*," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 2, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Montgomery*, one of the Members for the County of *Cumberland*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

A Petition from *Joseph Cook*, of *Antrim* Township, in the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House and read, praying a Compensation for a Negro Slave, who had feloniously burnt his Barn, and died before a Commission was issued for his Trial. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a great Number of Inhabitants to the Westward of *Laurel* Hill was presented to the House and read, praying that Part of the Province may be erected into a County, for the more easy and regular Administration of Justice. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preservation of Fish in the said River,*" and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" being transcribed according to Order, and in Part read the third time,

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *William Ruible*, Trader, born in the Dominions of the Elector of the *Palatinate*, and for some Years past an Inhabitant of *Pennsylvania*, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be enabled by an Act of Assembly to hold Lands, and be vested with other Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from divers Inhabitants on the West-Side of *Laurel* Hill, which was again read, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a new County on the West-Side of *Laurel* Hill.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preserving the Navigation in* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cumberland, *and to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the same,*" which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 3, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the several Petitions of *Francis Caspar Hasenclever*, *Frederick Phile*, *William Sheaf*, *Henry Sheaf*, *Jacob Mayer* and *William Ruible*, Foreigners, for an Act of Assembly, to enable them to hold Lands, and to invest them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, respecting the Building a new

Gaol and Work-house of larger Dimensions and in a more airy healthy Part of the said City, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Foulke* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a new Gaol and Work-house in the City of *Philadelphia*.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of the Twenty-ninth *ultimo*, with the Petitions therein referred to, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to his Honour's Message.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Two Petitions from divers Inhabitants of the Township of *Tinicum*, in the County of *Bucks*, were presented to the House and read, one praying than an old recorded Road in the said Township may be vacated, the other that it may be continued.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, agreed to by the House, and signed by the Speaker, follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your Honour,

WE have taken into our Consideration your Message of the Twenty-ninth *ultimo*, respecting "the Apprehensions of the Inhabitants of this Province, settled beyond the *Allegany* Mountains, of the dangerous Situation they are reduced to by the Evacuation of Fort *Pitt*," and request that your Honour would acquaint us, whether from any hostile Transactions, or other Circumstances, Government has Reason to believe that there is a Disposition in the *Indians* to violate the solemn Treaties which have been repeatedly made and ratified between them and his Majesty's Colonies, and hitherto so well observed.—And also that you will be pleased to lay before us all Treaties or Intelligence lately held with, or received from the Natives, to enable us to judge of their Temper, and the most proper Measures to preserve that Harmony with them which is of the highest Importance to the Prosperity of the Province.

Signed by Order of the House,

February 3, 1773. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and deliver the foregoing Answer to his Message.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions of *Christopher Colles*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, and *Joseph Cook*, of the County of *Cumberland*, were again read, and, after some Debate thereon,

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

February 4, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message of the Twenty-ninth *ultimo*, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to vacate Part of a Road, beginning at the North-Side of *Vine-street*, in the Middle of the *Front-street* of the said City, and extending thence North-Easterly to *Nathaniel Pool's* Porch, *&c. &c.*—and to lay out and confirm, in lieu thereof, a new Road, agreeable to certain Courses mentioned in the said Petition.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bills, respectively entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," and, "*An Act for preserving the Navigation in* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cumberland, *and to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the same*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* against the Importation of Negro Slaves into this Province, and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Whitelock*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for laying an additional Duty upon the Importation of Negro and Mulatto Slaves into this Province.

The House, upon Motion, taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee of Greivances on the Petition of *William Martin*, respecting the Loss of certain Title-Deeds destroyed with his Dwelling-house by Fire,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for supplying the Defect in his Title from the Deeds lost as aforesaid.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Berks* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have been lately informed a Petition hath been, or is about to be, preferred to the House for the Confirmation of such Roads, within this Province, as have been viewed and laid out by four or five, instead of six, Persons, as directed by Law for that Purpose;—that several of the Petitioners have purchased, or are otherwise interested in Lands and Hereditaments within the said County of *Berks*, since the Courts have set aside such Roads for Irregularity, and would be greatly affected by a Confirmation out of the usual Mode:—The Petitioners therefore humbly pray the House to confirm only such Roads as have not yet been set aside by the Judgement of the Courts. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preservation of Fish in the said River*," which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 5, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a new County on the West-Side of *Laurel* Hill, in this Province, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Chester* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they conceive themselves much aggrieved, and their Liberties essentially endangered in a very tender Part, by an Act passed

the 21st Day of *March*, 1772, entituled, "*An Act for the opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," in which the ancient Mode of Trial is entirely taken away, and that Power inherently belonging to the People in their Jury Tribunals, is now lodged in the Hands of a single Magistrate, who is enjoined to send for, and bring before him any Supervisor within his County, and fine him *Three Pounds* for Neglect of Duty;—and although that Neglect should proceed from his not knowing that by a Sudden Gust or Squall of Wind a Road had been damaged, which but the Day or Morning preceding that on which he was fined, was put in good and sufficient Repair, yet the Magistrate is obliged to proceed without having it in his Power to mitigate or dispense with the Law;—that the only Remedy left is an Appeal to the County-Court of Quarter Sessions, which they conceive to be very ineffectual, as there may probably be four Magistrates out of six on the Bench, who have fined in similar Cases;—that they cannot but be alarmed at such a palpable Infringement on their just Rights and Liberties, for Trial by Jury they hold as the noblest and greatest Privilege an *Englishman* enjoys, and never ought to be surrendered but with his Life; and as Precedent is but too apt to slide into Practice, an Attempt to take it away in one Case, is opening a Door to endanger it in the Whole:—That the Petitioners therefore humbly request their Representatives to take this Matter under serious Consideration, and grant them such Relief as they in their Wisdom may see meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Bull*, of the Township of *Norriton*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he was encouraged to purchase the Mills in the said Township, late the Estate of *Charles Norris*, Esq; deceased, from an Agreement entered into, by the Commissioners appointed for making the River *Schuylkill* navigable, with the said *Norris*, by which the Dam across Part of the said River was allowed to stand, under certain Conditions in the said Agreement mentioned to be performed by the said *Norris*;—that as the Petitioner is informed the Honourable House have taken into Consideration the Act for making *Schuylkill* navigable, and are about appointing new Commissioners, who will not be bound by the Acts of the former Commissioners, the Petitioner engages, that if the said Dam be permitted to remain, to fulfil every Part of the said Agreement so far as it is in his Power, but as to the cutting down the Trees on a small Island in the said River, he cannot comply therewith, the said Island

not being the Property of the Petitioner;—that he is however willing, instead thereof, to do any other Act that the House may judge equivalent;—that should they order the said Dam to be removed, or leave it in the Power of future Commissioners who may hereafter think proper to remove it for the Improvement of the Navigation, the Petitioner prays the House to allow him a Compensation for the Damage he may thereby sustain, to be settled by six Men, three to be chosen by the Commissioners aforesaid, and three by the Petitioner, and if the Persons so chosen cannot agree, that they have Power to chuse another, who shall finally settle such Damage; that the Petitioner is nevertheless clear in the Opinion, that the said Dam, when in good Repair, (as he proposes to keep it) is a real Advantage to the Navigation, by throwing the Water to the other Side of the Island; and therefore prays it may be established. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Circumstances of the Securities of *Richard Pearne*, deceased, late Collector of the Duty of Tonnage, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

THE Committee appointed to enquire into the Circumstances of *James Jones*, *Lewis Jones*, and *Lydia Stretch*, Widow of *Joseph Stretch*, Securities of *Richard Pearne*, deceased, late Collector of the Duty of Tonnage, beg Leave to report, that they have obtained an Account of the respective Circumstances of the said *James Jones*, *Lewis Jones* and *Lydia Stretch*; which is herewith delivered and

Submitted to the House by

February 5, 1773. ISAAC WHITELOCK, HENRY PAWLING,
JOHN POPE, SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, WILLIAM RODMAN,
JOHN MORTON."

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from the Township of *Tinicum*, in the County of *Bucks*, for and against the Alteration of Part of an old recorded Road in the said Township, and after some Time spent therein, ordered that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'MY Message to you of the 29th of *January*, respecting the Propriety of keeping up a small Garrison at Fort *Pitt*, was not founded on any certain Intelligence that the Western *Indians* had immediate Designs of committing Acts of Hostility against us. The Petitions now before you, demonstrate that the Inhabitants of our Frontier have considered that Post as their principal Security against *Indian* Incursions, and an Asylum, in Case of a sudden Attack, for their Women and Children; the Evacuating it has therefore filled their Minds with Fears and Apprehensions. When I consider, Gentlemen, the unspeakable Sufferings and Distress, which attended those unhappy People and their Families who were settled on the Western Frontier in the last *Indian* War, which was as unexpected as unprovoked, I confess, I cannot help being greatly affected, and do not wonder that they now apply to Government for some Assistance to protect them against the like Calamities in future; and although there may be really no Prospect of a speedy Renewal of Hostilities on the Part of the *Indians*, it may yet be good Policy to guard in Time against the worst that can happen, especially as the Measure proposed will be attended with no great Expence to the Public;—a Garrison of Twenty-five or Thirty Men, to keep Possession of that important Place, being perhaps sufficient for the present. These Reasons induced me at first to lay the Matter before you as an Object worthy of your Attention, and have still so much Weight with me, that I think myself obliged again to recommend it to your serious Consideration.

February 5, 1773. *RICHARD PENN.*'

With the foregoing Message from his Honour, Mr. Secretary also brought down and delivered at the Table the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preserving the Navigation in* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cumberland, *and to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the same*," with an Amendment thereto, which being read and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating Vendues in the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, and the Townships of *Moyamensing* and the *Northern Liberties*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from *Samuel Dotey Hamilton*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to

the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 6, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for laying a further Duty on the Importation of Negro and Mulatto Slaves into this Province, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Circumstances of *James Jones*, *Lewis Jones*, and *Lydia Stretch*, Widow of *Joseph Stretch*, Securities of *Richard Pearne*, deceased, late Collector of Tonnage, and, after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That the House will proceed no further against the said Securities of *Richard Pearne*, deceased, as it appears, on Enquiry, that Payment of the Sum, in which they were bound for him to the Public, would be extremely distressing to them, if not ruinous, under their present Circumstances.

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts do urge the Administrators of the said *Richard Pearne* to collect the outstanding Debts due to his Estate, and when received, to pay the same into the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, or to assign to the said Committee sufficient Reasons why the same have not been recovered.

A Petition from sundry Owners of Meadow Lands, called *Schuylkill Point Meadows*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that upon Experience of the Act of Assembly for improving the said Meaddow Lands, the Petitioners find the Assessments, made by Virtue thereof on the several Owners for supporting their Banks, are not so just and equal as was intended by the Legislature, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the said Act, for amending the same.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 8, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable certain Persons, who have applied to the House for

that Purpose, to hold Lands, and invest them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Samuel Dotey Hamilton*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon,

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 9, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting Part of the County of* Bedford *into a separate County*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Martin *in and to a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Charlestown, *in the County of Chester*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Vendues in the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Townships of* Moyamensing *and the* Northern Liberties," which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs,

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Vendues in the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Townships of* Moyamensing *and the* Northern Liberties," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes and Mulatto Slaves imported into this Province," "and laying an additional Duty on the said Slaves*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Persons therein named to hold Lands, and to invest them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province,*" which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, respecting an Alteration of the Courses in a Road beginning at *Vine-Street*, in the said City, and extending a certain Distance into the *Northern Liberties*, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Upon Motion,

A Petition addressed to the Governor, and by him sent down to the House, from a Majority of the Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster*, and the Inhabitants of Part of *Berks* County, adjacent thereto, praying that those Parts of the Province may be erected into a County, was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 10, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a new Gaol and Work-house in the City of *Philadelphia*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Martin *in and to a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Charlestown, *in the County of* Chester," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Mifflin* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Assize of Bread.*"

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bills, respectively entituled, "*An Act for erecting Part of the County of* Bedford *into a separate County*;"—"*An Act*

for regulating Vendues in the City of Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Townships of* Moyamensing *and the* Northern Liberties;"—and, "*An Act to enable the Persons there in named to hold Lands, and to invest them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province*;"—being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from the Shoemakers and other Inhabitants of the City of *Phialdelphia*, and the Borough of *Lancaster*, pointing out sundry Defects in the "*Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather*," and praying some Amendments, or a Repeal of the same, were again read, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 11, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed Yesterday by the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

A Petition from *Andrew Forsyth*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Shopkeeper, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Duty imposed by the present Excise Act upon Wines of the Product of this Province intended for Sale, may be taken off, or a Bounty allowed by the Legislature upon several Hogsheads of the said Wine made by the Petitioner during the last Season. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes and Mulatto Slaves imported into this Province, and for laying an additional Duty on the said Slaves*,"—and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Martin *in and to a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Charlestown, *in the County of* Chester," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ellicot* and Mr. *John Jacobs* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, and

the Borough of *Lancaster*, pointing out sundry Defects in the late Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather*," and after some Time spent therein, the following Questions were called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

First, Whether a Bill shall be brought in to repeal the Whole of the said Act;— *Carried in the Affirmative.*

YEAS.

Mr. *Pawling*,	Mr. *Humphreys*,
Mr. *Roberts*,	Mr. *Pearson*,
Mr. *King*,	Mr. *Bartholomew*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Ferree*,
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Whitelock*,
Mr. *Mifflin*,	Mr. *Webb*,
Mr. *Foulke*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Chapman*,	Mr. *Pope*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *John Jacobs*,
Mr. *Rhoads*,	Mr. *Minshall*,
Mr. *Rodman*,	Mr. *Hockley*,
Mr. *Krewsen*,	Mr. *Ashbridge*,
Mr. *Brown*,	Mr. *Allen*,
Mr. *Ellicot*,	Mr. *Hunter*.
Mr. *Morton*,	

Secondly, Whether a new Bill shall be brought in to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather?— *Carried in the Affirmative.*

YEAS.

Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Morton*,
Mr. *Rhoads*,	Mr. *John Jacobs*,
Mr. *Mifflin*,	Mr. *Minshall*,
Mr. *Foulke*,	Mr. *Hockley*,
Mr. *Rodman*,	Mr. *Ferree*,
Mr. *Krewsen*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Brown*,	Mr. *Pope*,
Mr. *Ellicot*,	Mr. *Allen*,
Mr. *Humphreys*,	Mr. *Hunter*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Pawling*,	Mr. *Pearson*,
Mr. *Roberts*,	Mr. *Ashbridge*,
Mr. *King*,	Mr. *Bartholomew*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Whitelock*,
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Webb*.
Mr. *Chapman*,	

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed this Morning by the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Daniel Narragang* against *Lewis Klutz* and *Henry Koken*, Esqrs. of the County of *Northampton*, was again read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

A Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners conceiving Offices of Profit to be included under the Denomination of personal Estate, have imposed reasonable Assessments on those that held them for the Support of the Poor;—that in Consequence thereof an Appeal has been brought to the Court of Quarter Sessions, and a Decree given against the Petitioners, who therefore pray the House will take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein, as to them shall seem meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Representation and Petition from the *American Philosophical Society* was presented to the House, and being read by Order, follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

GENTLEMEN,

AS we must always think it our Duty most gratefully to acknowledge the early Countenance and liberal Assistance, which, as a Society, we have received from former Assemblies of this Province; nothing could induce us to make further Applications for public Aid, but the Necessity of our Case and a firm Persuasion that the present Members of your Honourable House still view our Institution in the same friendly Light as your Predecessors have done. We would not therefore repeat on this Occasion, what we have formerly taken the Liberty to represent to them, concerning the Use of *public Societies* for promoting useful Discoveries, domestic Improvements and the Reputation of those Countries where they have been established: We rather hope that we may be allowed now, as an Instance of this, to mention our own Society, which has already promoted several useful Undertakings, and by some of its Productions, especially those relat-

ing to the Transit of Venus, has extended the literary Fame of our Country to distant Parts of *Europe*.

Distant Ages will certainly do Honour to the Assembly of *Pennsylvania*, for having encouraged the Observations of the Transit in this Part of the World, which in other Parts (though indeed under many Disadvantages, and therefore with less Success) were carried on chiefly at the Expence of crowned Heads. As these Observations could never have been undertaken by our Society, in so many Places, without such public Assistance, we hope the House will give us Leave to observe that the erecting our different Observatories, fitting up Instruments, engraving various Plates, and publishing the different *Transit Papers*, cost us (exclusive of the other Part of our Publication) near *Four Hundred Pounds*, and have involved us in a Debt which we are wholly unable to discharge.

We therefore pray that your Honourable House would give us such Assistance, as in your Goodness you shall judge proper, to enable us to discharge the said Debt, and to prosecute our Plan for the future, without having Occasion to solicit any other Assistance, besides the annual Subscriptions of our own Members.

Signed in Behalf and by Order of the Society,
February 11, 1773. THOMAS BOND, *V. P.*"

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Trustees to take Care of the Person and Estate of *Richard Gardiner*, a Lunatic, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *John Bull*, of the Township of *Norriton*, together with the Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preservation of Fish in the said River*," and after some Time spent therein, ordered that the said Bill be recommitted to the Committee that brought it in, with Directions to add a Clause thereto, containing in Substance the Proposals made to the House by the said *Bull*, respecting his Mill-Dam in the River *Schuylkill*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 12, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Chester* was presented to the House and read, complaining of the Power lodged by the present Road Law in a single

Magistrate of calling before him any Supervisor, and imposing a Fine of *Three Pounds* for Neglect of Duty, though no previous Notice is given to such Supervisor of any Road in his District being out of Repair. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee to whom the Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable*, &c." was recommitted for the Addition of a new Clause respecting a certain Mill-Dam in the said River, reported the said Bill with the Clause directed, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vacating Part of a Road in the Township of the* Northern Liberties, *and for confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Remonstrance and Petition from a great Number of Inhabitants of the County and City of *Philadelphia*, concerning their proportional Assessments for sinking the late Grants of Money from this Province to the Crown, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Ellicot*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to enquire into the present State and Mode of levying the Provincial Taxes, and report the same to the House at their next Meeting.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet to perform the above Service two Weeks at least before the Sitting of this House in *September* next.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from divers Owners of *Schuylkill Point Meadows* was presented to the House and read, praying the Act of Assembly for regulating and improving the said Meadows may be continued in Force, and not altered, or repealed, as requested by some other Owners of the said Meadows, the Petitioners having, upon Eleven Years Experience of the said Act, found it to answer effectually the good Purposes intended by the Legislature. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from *Chester* County for an Alteration of Parts of the Act of Assembly now in Force, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," were again read, and, after some Debate, the Question was called for,

and put by the Speaker, Whether a Bill shall be brought in to amend the said Act?— *Carried in the Affirmative.*

YEAS.

Mr. *Pawling,*	Mr. *Ellicot,*
Mr. *Roberts,*	Mr. *Humphreys,*
Mr. *Hillegas,*	Mr. *Pearson,*
Mr. *Parker,*	Mr. *Morton,*
Mr. *Gray,*	Mr. *John Jacobs,*
Mr. *Mifflin,*	Mr. *Minshall,*
Mr. *Foulke,*	Mr. *Hockley,*
Mr. *Rodman,*	Mr. *Ashbridge,*
Mr. *Krewsen,*	Mr. *Bartholomew,*
Mr. *Brown,*	Mr. *Whitelock,*
Mr. *Chapman.*	Mr. *Pope.*

NAYS.

Mr. *Rhoads,*	Mr. *Ewing,*
Mr. *King,*	Mr. *Montgomery,*
Mr. *Shoemaker,*	Mr. *Thompson,*
Mr. *Ferree,*	Mr. *Hunter.*
Mr. *Webb,*	

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas,* Mr. *Mifflin,* Mr. *Brown,* Mr. *John Jacobs,* Mr. *Whitelock* and Mr. *Pope* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for altering and amending the afore-mentioned Act.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting Part of the County of* Bedford *into a separate County,*" and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" with a Paper of Amendments to the same, which being read, and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 13, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and, upon Motion, taking up the Petitions from a great Number of Inhabitants in the back Parts of *Lancaster* and *Berks* Counties, praying those Parts of the Province may be erected into a separate County, after some Consideration thereof, ordered that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Caleb Swayze*, of the Province of *New-Jersey*, concerning the Loss of several Title-Deeds, under which he holds a certain Tract of Land in *Cumberland* County, in this Province, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing Trustees to take Care of the Person and Estate of* Richard Gardiner, *a Lunatic*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Hockley*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for repealing the Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather, and to supply the Deficiencies in the said Act.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 15, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Representation from *Lewis Klutz*, Esq; one of the Magistrates for the County of *Northampton*, vindicating his Character against the Charges exhibited to the House in the Petition of *Daniel Narragang*, was delivered at the Table, read, and referred to further Consideration.

A Petition from *Thomas Carryl*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 16, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and Mr. *Ross*, lately elected to serve in Assembly as a Representative for the County of *Lancaster*, in the Room of *Jacob Carpenter*, deceased, this Day appearing in the House, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Act, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Pursuant to Leave from the late Assembly recommended over to this House, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia;"—and, "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of the* Northern Liberties, *and for confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof*;"—which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, were ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Memorial and Petition from the Managers of the Corporation of Contributors to the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, and the Townships of *Moyamensing*, *Passyunk* and the *Northern Liberties*, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, referred to further Consideration in the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from the first *Presbyterian* Congregation at *Carlisle* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that certain Estates belonging to the said Congregation were formerly vested in Trustees, some of whom are dead, and others removed out of the Province, and praying the Aid of the Legislature to vest the said Estates in other Trustees, and to impower them to sell the same and apply the Monies arising from such Sales, to the compleating a House of Worship in the Town of *Carlisle*, for the Use of the said Society.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Act, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preservation of the Fish in the said River*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from the Owners of *Schuylkill Point Meadows*, for and against an Alteration of the Act of Assembly for regulating and improving the said Meadows, were again read, and, after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *King*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to hear the said Owners in Support of their different Petitions, and report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 17, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for repealing the Act, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather*," and to supply the Deficiencies in the said Act, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That a Certificate be signed by the Speaker for the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, payable to the Commissioners appointed by Law for improving the Navigation of the River *Susquehanna*, and the Streams thereof, as soon as they shall make it appear to the Governor and Speaker of Assembly for the Time being, that the like Sum has been subscribed and paid to the said Commissioners for the Purpose aforesaid.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the first *Presbyterian* Congregation of the Town of *Carlisle* was again read, and Leave given the Petitioners to bring in a Bill for the Purposes expressed in their Petition.

Pursuant to the above Leave, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carlisle, *in the said County, in Trustees, to be sold for the Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Representation and Petition from the *American Philosophical Society*, held at *Philadelphia*, for promoting useful Knowledge, and, after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* be given to the said Society, for better promoting the Ends of their useful Institution.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes and Mulatto Slaves imported into this Province, and laying an additional Duty on the said Slaves*;"—"*An Act to enable the Persons therein named to hold Lands, and to invest them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province*;"—and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Martin, *in and to a certain Tract of Land, in the Township of* Charlestown, *in the County of Chester*;"—and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the said Bills whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed.

With the above, the Secretary also delivered at the Table the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Vendues in the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Townships of* Moyamensing *and the* Northern Liberties," with a Paper of Amendments thereto, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House, upon Motion, took up the Governor's Message of the Fifth Instant, and, after some Time spent in the Consideration thereof,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Ashbridge* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 18, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Act to amend the Act, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the said Bill shall be transcribed for a third Reading?— *Carried in the Negative.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

It being moved, and demanded, by several Members, that the Yeas and Nays called for on the Question in the Forenoon (Whether the Bill, Supplementary to the Road Act, should be transcribed for a third Reading?) be now entered on the Journals of the House, and a long Debate ensuing,

the following previous Question was stated, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

Whether, agreeable to the Rule of the House, the Yeas and Nays called for, and not taken on a Question put in the Forenoon, can be taken, after an unanimous Adjournment, without their being particularly referred to that Time?—*Carried in the Negative.*

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Pawling,*	Mr. *Hillegas,*	Mr. *Chapman,*
Mr. *Roberts,*	Mr. *Rhoads,*	Mr. *Ellicot,*
Mr. *Parker,*	Mr. *King,*	Mr. *Shepherd,*
Mr. *Gray,*	Mr. *Shoemaker,*	Mr. *Minshall,*
Mr. *Humphreys,*	Mr. *Mifflin,*	Mr. *Ferree,*
Mr. *Pearson,*	Mr. *Foulke,*	Mr. *Ross,*
Mr. *John Jacobs,*	Mr. *Rodman,*	Mr. *Whitelock,*
Mr. *Ashbridge,*	Mr. *Krewsen,*	Mr. *Webb,*
Mr. *Bartholomew.*	Mr. *Brown.*	Mr. *Montgomery,*
		Mr. *Hunter.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 19, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they conceive the Trade of the said City and of the whole Province labours under many and great Inconveniences for Want of some Regulations respecting Credit, which at present stands on a very precarious Footing; —that fraudulent and evil-disposed Persons find Means to obtain Credit in Trade; and when their wicked Intentions of wasting or secreting the Effects thus entrusted to them, are discovered, the Creditor has no other Remedy but to levy on the Body;—that to avoid this Consequence, many an honest Creditor has been induced to apply to his Debtor, even knowing him to be a Villain, and to accept of perhaps one Half, perhaps one Fourth Part of his Debt, giving a Discharge for the Whole; at the same Time that a Power of examining into the Debtor's Circumstances might have discovered Effects sufficient to have satisfied all his Creditors;—that in the present Situation of Affairs the Debtors will not permit any Person to examine their Books, or take an Account of their Effects, until they have made the most advantageous Terms, by procuring a general Release or a Letter of Licence for a long Term of Years;—that this the Petitioners beg Leave to

represent as a very common and a growing Mischief;—and further, that it is no unfrequent Occurrence that honest Merchants and Dealers, by unavoidable Losses and Accidents in the Course of their Business, find their Capitals reduced too low to satisfy their just Debts; and in this Situation with a fair and upright Intent assign and deliver over into the Hands of Trustees or Assignees all their Credits and Effects for the Use of their Creditors;—that here the Petitioners apprehend the Laws, as they now stand, are defective; for such Assignees or Trustees, being answerable to no Authority for their Conduct, and having no certain Rules whereby to regulate their Proceedings, frequently neglect the Business committed to them; and after a few Efforts to collect the Debtor's Effects and make one Dividend, proceed no further in the Execution of their Trust, to the great Injury of the Assignor, and his other Creditors, who are left without Remedy:—The Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House will take the Premises into Consideration, and grant them Relief therein, by extending the several Statutes of Bankruptcy that have passed in *England*, or such Parts of them, as, in the Judgment of the House, may be best adapted to the Circumstances of this City and Province.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's last Message, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, and agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

A Petition from *William Ritchie*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, late Merchant, now a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the said City, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Answer of the House to his Honour's Message being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

WHEN we consider your Message of the Twenty-ninth of *January*, recommending the Support of a Garrison at Fort *Pitt*, founded on Apprehension in the back Inhabitants of Danger from the *Indians*, at a Time, we imagined, the Treaties of Friendship between his Majesty and them were perfectly observed, we thought it our Duty to enquire into the Reason and Grounds, if any, for those Apprehensions. We

were therefore induced to apply to Government for Information, whether there appeared a Disposition in the Natives to violate those Treaties, and from your last Message we cannot find there is the least Cause for such a Suspicion, otherwise we have no Doubt you would, on our Request, have communicated it. From whence we are led to conclude, that the Uneasiness of the back Settlers is without Foundation, and by no Means a sufficient Reason for a Measure, which we fear may be productive of the very Mischiefs it is intended to avert.

We well know, that from the first Settlement of the Province down to the late *French* and *Indian* War the most perfect good Understanding and Friendship were preserved between this Government and those People, by a Conduct uniformly just and kind towards them, that since the late *Indian* War the like happy Effects have been produced by the like Policy, and that, on the contrary, the maintaining of Garrisons in or near their Country, has been frequently an Object of their Jealousy and Complaints. To this we may add, that it appears by Intelligence, now before us, from the Deputy Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs in that Quarter, that having in Pursuance of his Majesty's Orders communicated to the Western *Indians* the Evacuation of Fort *Pitt*, that Measure is so entirely agreeable to them, that it is likely to effect a Removal of their Jealousies and a Conciliation of their Affections to this Province.

We might offer other Reasons for not concurring in Sentiments with your Honour on the Propriety of supporting a Garrison at Fort *Pitt*, but being of Opinion that any warlike Preparations, even within our own Frontiers, at a Time of prevailing Harmony between us and the Natives, may be attended with more ill than good Consequences, we shall wave them as unnecessary, and content ourselves with assuring you, that we shall, and we have no Doubt but all future Assemblies will, be very ready, when there shall be real Occasion, to afford every Kind of Protection to the back Inhabitants the Circumstances of the Province will allow.

Signed by Order of the House,

February 19, 1773. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Vendues in the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and Townships of* Moyamensing *and the* Northern Liberties,"

and, after some Time spent therein, upon putting the Question, unanimously adhered to the said Bill.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Ross* be added to the Committee of Grievances.

The several Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preservation of the Fish in the said River*;"—"*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of the* Northern Liberties, *and confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof*;"—"*An Act appointing Trustees to take Care of the Person and Estate of* Richard Gardiner, *a Lunatic*;"—and, "*An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia;"—being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Ordered, That the said Members do also deliver the Answer of the House to his Honour's Message of the fifth Instant, together with the Bill for regulating Vendues, and acquaint him that the House having considered his Amendments thereto, do unanimously adhere to the said Bill.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 20, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message, the four Bills sent up Yesterday, and the Vendue Bill, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carlisle, *in the said County, in Trustees, to be sold for the Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions of *William Ritchie* and *Thomas Carryl*, insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, were

again read, and, after some Debate, referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*" and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the serious Attention of the House at the Beginning of their next Sitting, and that a Draught of the said Borough be laid before the House at that Time.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 22, 1773.

Mr. Speaker and Twenty-two Members met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 23, 1773.

The Speaker with Twenty-three Members met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night, and a Quorum being still wanting, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Quorum met.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preservation of the Fish in the said River*;"—and, "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of the* Northern Liberties, *and for confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof*;" and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed.

The Secretary also brought down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Vendues in the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Townships of* Moyamensing *and the* Northern Liberties;"—and, "*An Act for appointing Trustees to take Care of the Person and Estate of* Richard Gardiner, *a Lunatic*;"—and informed the House, that his Honour adhered to his proposed Amendments to the first of the said Bills, and could not give his Assent to the latter.

With the foregoing Mr. Secretary likewise delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house*

and House of Correction in the City of Philadelphia," with a Paper of Amendments to the same, which was read by Order, and, being agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carlisle, *in Trustees, to be sold for the Purposes therein mentioned*;"—and, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table;

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *King* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor with the said Bills for his Assent.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill for repealing the Act, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather*;" which being read through the second time, and debated, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia*, for extending such Parts of the Statutes of Bankruptcy passed in *England*, as are best adapted to the Circumstances of this Province, being again read, was referred to further Consideration at the next Meeting of the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 24, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed Yesterday, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions of several insolvent Debtors, presented this Sitting, were referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

THE Committee of Grievances beg Leave to report, that they have examined into the several Petitions of the Prisoners who have made Application to the House for Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons; and find,

That *William Ritchie* has given regular Notice to his Creditors in this Province, and the several Attornies for his foreign Creditors, none of whom object to his Discharge, except *Benjamin David*, Tavernkeeper, to whom the Prisoner is indebted in a Sum less than *Five Pounds*, for Tavern Expences.

That *John Meliesy* (or *Milliron*), a Prisoner in the Gaol of *Lancaster* County, has given Notice to his Creditors, none of whom have appeared against him.

That the other Petitioners for Relief have not given such Satisfaction to the Committee, as to induce them to recommend their Cases to the Consideration of the House.

Submitted to the House by

BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW, JOSEPH KING,
GEORGE ROSS, JOSEPH PARKER,
JOSEPH FERREE, THOMAS MIFFLIN,
SAMUEL HUNTER, JOHN FOULKE,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS."

February 24, 1773.

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

Ordered, That Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *William Ritchie* and *John Milliron*, Prisoners for Debt in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaster* Counties, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to visit the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, and report the State and Oeconomy thereof to the House, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

WE your Committee beg Leave to report, that, in Obedience to the Order of the House, we have visited the *Pennsylvania* Hospital this Day, and, on Examination, found the several Wards and Apartments clean, in good Order, and the Sick properly taken Care of; and we are of Opinion, that the regular Attendance of the Managers, and the Skill of the Physicians, have greatly contributed to the Relief of many unhappy Persons.

GEORGE ROSS, GEORGE GRAY,
ISAAC WHITELOCK, JOSEPH ELLICOT,
SAMUEL HUNTER, PETER SHEPHERD,
BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW."

February 24, 1773.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *William Ritchie* and *John Milliron*, Prisoners

for Debt in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaster*, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of his Excellency General *Gage's* and Colonel *Wilkins's* Letters, with sundry other Papers referred over by the late Assembly, relative to the Complaints and Losses of certain Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland*, impressed with their Waggons and Teams into the King's Service by the said Colonel *Wilkins*, on his March to Fort *Pitt*, and after a considerable Debate thereon, the following Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

Whether any Provincial Compensation shall be made to the said Inhabitants who were so impressed, and attended Colonel *Wilkins* in his late March to Fort *Pitt*?—

Carried in the Negative.

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *John Jacobs*,	Mr. *Shoemaker*,
Mr. *Ashbridge*,	Mr. *Mifflin*,
Mr. *Ferree*,	Mr. *Foulke*,
Mr. *Ross*,	Mr. *Rodman*,
Mr. *Webb*,	Mr. *Krewsen*,
Mr. *Montgomery*,	Mr. *Brown*,
Mr. *Hunter*.	Mr. *Chapman*,

NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Israel Jacobs*,	Mr. *Ellicot*,
Mr. *Pawling*,	Mr. *Shepherd*,
Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Humphreys*,
Mr. *Rhoads*,	Mr. *Pearson*,
Mr. *King*,	Mr. *Minshall*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Bartholomew*,
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Whitelock*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 25, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Trustees of the State-House do purchase One Hundred Leather Buckets, and employ Workmen to set

down two Pumps in the Front of the said House, for the greater Security thereof from Fire; and that they procure some skilful Carpenter to view and report the present State of the Steeple to the said House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Ritchie, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* John Milliron *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of* Lancaster, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill for repealing the Act, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table;

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Webb* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carlisle, *in the said County, in Trustees, to be sold for the Purposes therein mentioned,*" and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Secretary also delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled "An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" with an Amendment to the same, which was read by Order, and being agreed to by the House, the Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Ritchie, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and John* Milliron, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Lancaster *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table;

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same; and acquaint him that the House, inclining to adjourn to the Twentieth of *September* next, if his Honour has no Objection, request to know at what Hour To-morrow they shall wait on him to enact into Laws the several Bills that have been agreed on.

The Members return, and report they had waited on the Governor with the insolvent Bill, and delivered their Message according to Order, to which his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration, and give Notice to the House in the Morning at what Hour he can meet them in the Council Chamber, to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Assent.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 26, 1773

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to repeal the Act, entituled, "An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather,*" and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Secretary also delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Ritchie, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* John Milliron, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Lancaster *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons,*" and a Paper of Amendments thereto, which was read by Order, and, being agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The several Bills prepared and agreed on during the present Sitting being engrossed according to Order;

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Roads* and Mr. *Pearson* do join with the Members of Council in comparing the said engrossed Bills with their Originals.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the same according to Order, and found them to agree.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills, after they shall be passed into Laws, and deposit the same in the Rolls Office.

Ordered, That Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Hunter* wait on the Governor, and enquire at what Hour this Afternoon it will

be most agreeable to him to enact into Laws the Bills that have received his Assent.

The House then taking into Consideration the Governor's Support for the current Year,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of this Province. And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, to be presented to his Honour in the Council-Chamber.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would meet the House in the Council-Chamber in Half an Hour.

A Message *by Mr. Secretary.*

"SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House, to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Assent."

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Honour with a Number of Bills, respectively entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*;" —"*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act for preserving the Navigation of* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cumberland, *and to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the same*;"—"*An Act for erecting Part of the County of* Bedford *into a separate County*;"—"*An Act to enable the Persons therein named to hold Lands, and to invest them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province*;"—"*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Martin *in and to a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Charlestown, *in the County of* Chester;"—"*An Act for making perpetual an Act, entituled, "An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province*;"—"*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of the* Northern Liberties, *and for confirming a new Road, laid out and made instead thereof*;"—"*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes and Mulatto Slaves imported into this Province, and laying an additional Duty on the said Slaves*;"—"*A Supplement to the*

Act, entituled, "An Act for making the River Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preservation of the Fish in the said River;"—"An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia;"—"*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;"—"An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carlisle, *in the said County, in Trustees, to be sold for the Purposes therein mentioned;"—"An Act to repeal the Act, entituled, "An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather;"*—and, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Ritchie, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* John Milliron, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Lancaster *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons;"*—to which several Bills his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent, by enacting the same into Laws.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that he had then, in the Name and on Behalf of the House, presented to the Governor their Certificate for *Five Hundred Pounds*, for which he was pleased to say he was much obliged to the House.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Complaint of *Daniel Narragang* was referred for Enquiry, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they have taken into their Consideration the Petition of *Daniel Narragang*, of *Lower Saucon*, in the County of *Northampton*, against *Lewis Klutz* and *Henry Koken*, Esquires, Magistrates of the said County, and having heard the Allegations of the Parties, and their Witnesses, are of Opinion, that the Complaint of the said *Narragang* is malicious and unjust.

Submitted to the House by

CHARLES HUMPHREYS, JOSEPH KING,
Philadelphia, BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW, JOSEPH PARKER,
February 26, 1773. GEORGE ROSS, THOMAS MIFFLIN.
JOSEPH FERREE, JOHN FOULKE."

Mr. Speaker laid before the House an Account of *Twenty-five Pounds*, exhibited by *Alexander St. Clair*, of the County of *Bedford*, for Expences attending his Journey to this City, with Petitions to the Governor and Assembly from Fort *Pitt*, for the Continuance of a Garrison at that Post, and going afterwards, at the Instance of his Honour, to General *Gage*,

at *New-York*, on the same Business;—which Account being allowed by the House, a Certificate for the said Sum, payable to Mr. *St. Clair*, was drawn at the Table, signed by Mr Speaker, and delivered to the Secretary.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the 20th of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

September 20, 1773.

THE House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and taking into Consideration that the Honourable *John Penn*, Esq; one of the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*, is lately returned from *Great-Britain*, with the Commission of Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to his Honour on his safe Arrival and Re-accession to the Government.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 21, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to the Governor, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read, and considered, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be transcribed.

Resolved, on the Question,

That the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *John Penn*, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, towards his Support; and a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, in order to be presented to his Honour when the House shall wait on him with their Address.

The House then taking into their Consideration the Harmony that *hath* subsisted between the two Branches of the Legislature during the Administration of *Richard Penn*, Esquire, late Governor of this Province, and his Continuance therein till near the Expiration of the Year,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the said *Richard Penn*, Esq; and a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was, by Order, signed by the Speaker.

The Address of the House to the Governor being transcribed according to Order, was signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; one of the Proprietaries, and Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania.

The *ADDRESS* of the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN of the said Province, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY met.

May it please your Honour,

PERMIT us very sincerely to congratulate you on your safe Return to this Province and Re-accession to the Government.

The Harmony subsisting between the two Branches of the Legislature at the Time your private Affairs called for your Presence in *Europe*, and the Happiness that Harmony promised to the People, induce us to receive you again, in the same Station and Character, with very sensible Pleasure.

But independant of this Consideration, the Resolution of one of the Proprietaries to assume the immediate Superintendance of the Province gives us additional Satisfaction, as it is a Measure which has been wished, and even solicited for, by our Predecessors in Assembly, and is certainly founded in the soundest Policy; for we are confident the true Interests of the Proprietaries, and the People committed to their Care and Protection, are so firmly united that they cannot be separated without doing Violence to the Welfare and Happiness of both.

Impressed with these Sentiments, and convinced of your good Disposition to unite with us in promoting the Common Weal, no Endeavours, on our Part, shall be wanting to support the Honour and Dignity of your Government, and to secure to the Proprietaries and People their just Rights and Liberties.

Signed by Order of the House,

September 21, 1773. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Representatives are met, in Pursuance of their Adjournment in *February* last, and request to know at what Time they shall wait on his Honour to present an Address on his Return to this Province.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would be in the Council-Chamber at

Twelve o'Clock To-morrow, in order to receive the House with their Address.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House sundry Letters and Resolves, received in their Recess from the Speakers of the several Assemblies of *Virginia*, the Province of *Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island*, which were read by Order, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

SIR, *Virginia, March* 19, 1773.

I Have received the Commands of the House of Burgesses of this Colony, to transmit to you a Copy of the Resolves entered into by them on the Twelfth Instant, which they hope will prove of general Utility, if the other Colonies shall think fit to adopt them. They have expressed themselves so fully, as to the Motives that led to these Resolutions, that I need not say any Thing on that Point, and shall only beg you will lay them before your Assembly as early as possible, and request them to appoint some of their Body to communicate from Time to Time with the corresponding Committee of *Virginia*. I am, with great Respect,

Your most obedient Servant,

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Province of Pennsylvania.

PEYTON RANDOLPH."

RESOLVES of the HOUSE of BURGESSES of the Colony of *Virginia*.

Friday the 12*th of March*, 13*th* GEO. 3, 1773.

MR. *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had directed him to make the following Report to the House, *viz.*

Whereas the Minds of his Majesty's faithful Subjects in this Colony have been much disturbed by various Rumours and Reports of Proceedings tending to deprive them of their ancient, legal and constitutional Rights.

And whereas the Affairs of this Colony are frequently connected with those of *Great-Britain*, as well as of the neighbouring Colonies, which renders a Communication of Sentiments necessary: In order, therefore, to remove the Uneasinesses, and to quiet the Minds of the People, as well as for the other good Purposes above-mentioned,

Be it Resolved, That a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed, to consist of Eleven Persons, *to wit*, the Honourable *Peyton Randolph*. Esq; *Robert Carter Nicholas, Richard Bland, Richard Henry Lee, Benjamin Har-*

rison, Edmond Pendleton, Patrick Henry, Dudley Digges, Dabney Carr, Archibald Cary, and Thomas Jefferson, Esquires, any Six of whom to be a Committee, whose Business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the *British* Parliament, or Proceedings of Administration, as may relate to, or affect, the *British* Colonies in *America*, and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important Considerations; and the Result of such their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before the House.

Resolved, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that they do, without Delay, inform themselves particularly of the Principles and Authority, on which was constituted a Court of Enquiry, said to have been lately held in *Rhode-Island*, with Powers to transport Persons, accused of Offences committed in *America*, to Places beyond the Seas, to be tried.

The said Resolutions being severally read a second time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House *Nemine Contradicente*.

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House do transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the *British* Colonies on this Continent Copies of the said Resolutions, and desire that they will lay them before their respective Assemblies, and request them to appoint some Person or Persons of their respective Bodies, to communicate from Time to Time with the said Committee.

By the House of Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*.

Extracted from the Journal,

G. WYTHE, *C. H. B.*"

Another LETTER from *Virginia*.

SIR, *Williamsburg, Virginia, April* 6, 1773.

THIS Colony having of late Years sustained the greatest Injury by having their Paper Currency forged, and it having been represented to our General Assembly, at their last Session, that the supposed principal Author of this Mischief is an Inhabitant of *North-Carolina*, they judged it necessary, as well to prevent such dangerous Practices in future, as to shew their Regard for the other Colonies, to pass an Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper Currency of other Colonies. Our Governor will transmit Copies of this Act to the different Governors on the Continent, with a Request that they would be pleased to recommend it to their several Assemblies, to

enact Laws of the same Import respecting *Virginia*. We have it in Command to furnish the Speakers of the different Assemblies with the like Copies, and to request the Favour of their Countenance and Assistance in accomplishing our Wishes upon so important an Occasion: We therefore take the Liberty of inclosing you a Copy of the Act. We have the Honour to be very respectfully, SIR,

Your most obedient Servants,

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Province of Pennsylvania.

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
RO. C. NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES."

LETTER from the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

SIR, *June* 3, 1773.

THE House of Representatives of this Province being earnestly attentive to the Controversy between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies, and considering that the Authority claimed and exercised by Parliament on the one Side, and by the General Assemblies of this Continent on the other, greatly militates, and is productive of this unhappy Contention, think it of the utmost Importance to the Welfare of both, and particularly of the Colonies, that the constitutional Rights and Powers of each be enquired into, delineated and fully ascertained.

That his Majesty's Subjects of *America* are intitled to the same Rights and Liberties as those of *Great-Britain*, and that these ought in Justice by the Constitution, to be as well guaranteed and secured to the one as to the other, are Truths too apparent to be denied.

It is by this House humbly conceived, to be likewise undeniable, that the Authority assumed and now forceably exercised by Parliament over the Colonies is utterly subversive of Freedom in the latter; and that while his Majesty's loyal Subjects in *Amercia* have the Mortification daily to see new Abridgements of their Rights and Liberties, they have not the least Security for those which at present remain. Were the Colonists only affected by a Legislative subject to *their* Controul, they would even then have no other Security than belongs to them by the Laws of Nature and the *English* Constitution; but should the Authority, now claimed by Parliament, be fully supported by Power, or submitted to by the Colonies, it appears to this House that *there* will be an

End to Liberty in *America*, and that the Colonists will *then* change the Name of Freemen for that of *Slaves*.

In order to adjust and settle these important Concerns, the free and magnanimous Burgesses of *Virginia* have proposed a Method for uniting the Councils of its Sister Colonies; and it appearing to this House to be a Measure very wise and salutary, is chearfully received and heartily adopted.

With very great Respect for your Honourable Assembly, and in Confidence that a Matter which so nearly affects the Safety of each Colony, will be assisted by its wise Councils, permit this House to inclose a Copy of Resolutions lately entered into here, and to request that you will communicate the same at a convenient Opportunity.

I have the Honour to be, with great Truth and Regard, SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

THOMAS CUSHING, *Speaker*."

PROVINCE OF *MASSACHUSETTS BAY*.
In the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, *May* 28, 1773.

WHEREAS the Speaker hath communicated to this House a Letter from the truly respectable House of Burgesses in his Majesty's antient Colony of *Virginia*, inclosing a Copy of the Resolves entered into by them on the Twelfth of *March* last, and requesting that a Committee of this House may be appointed to communicate from Time to Time with a corresponding Committee then appointed by the said House of Burgesses in *Virginia:*

And whereas this House is fully sensible of the Necessity and Importance of an Union of the several Colonies in *America*, at a Time when it clearly appears that the Rights and Liberties of all are systematically invaded, in order that the joint Wisdom of the Whole may be employed in consulting their common Safety;

Resolved, That this House have a very grateful Sense of the Obligations they are under to the House of Burgesses in *Virginia*, for the Vigilance, Firmness and Wisdom, which they have discovered at all Times in Support of the Rights and Liberties of the *American* Colonies; and do heartily concur with them in their said judicious and spirited Resolves.

Resolved, That a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed, to consist of Fifteen Members, any Eight of whom to be a Quorum, whose Business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the *British* Parliament, or Proceed-

ings of Administration, as may relate to, or affect, the *British* Colonies in *America*; and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important Considerations; and the Result of such their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before this House.

Resolved, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee that they do, without Delay, inform themselves particularly of the Principles and Authority on which was constituted a Court of Enquiry, held in *Rhode-Island*, said to be vested with Powers to transport Persons accused of Offences, committed in *America*, to Places beyond the Seas, to be tried.

Resolved, That the said Committee be further instructed, to prepare and report to this House a Draught of a very respectful Answer to the Letters received from the Speaker of the Honourable House of Burgesses of *Virginia*, and the Speaker of the Honourable House of Representatives of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*; also a circular Letter to the Speakers of the Several other Houses of Assembly on this Continent, inclosing the aforesaid Resolves, and requesting them to lay the same before their respective Assemblies, in Confidence that they will readily and chearfully comply with the wise and salutary Resolves of the House of Burgesses in *Virginia*.

Then the House immediately made Choice of the following Gentlemen to be the Committee of Correspondence and Communication with the other Colonies, *viz.*

Mr. *Speaker*, Mr. *Samuel Adams*, Honourable *John Hancock*, Esq; Mr. *William Phillips*, Captain *William Heath*, Honourable *Joseph Hawley*, Esq; Honourable *James Warren*, Esq; *Richard Derby*, jun. Esq; Mr. *Elbridge Gerry*, *Jerathmeel Bowers*, Esq; *Jedediah Foster*, Esq; *Daniel Leonard*, Esq; Captain *Thomas Gardner*, Captain *Jonathan Greenleaf* and *James Prescot*, Esqrs.

A true Copy,

SAMUEL ADAMS, *Clerk*."

LETTER from the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Connecticut.

Fairfield, in Connecticut, 24th June, 1773.

SIR,

I HAVE it in Command, to transmit to you the inclosed Resolutions of the House of Representatives of the Colony of *Connecticut*, by which you will see that they have fully adopted the Measures proposed by the patriotic House of

Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*; and request you to lay the same before the House of Representatives of the Colony of *Pennsylvania*, that they may, if they see fit, adopt similar Measures, and appoint a Committee of Correspondence, who shall communicate from Time to Time with the Committee appointed by the House of Representatives of the Colony of *Connecticut*, on such Matters as may by them be judged to affect the common Interests of the *British* Colonies on the Continent of *America*. I have the Honour to be, with great Truth and Regard, S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Pennsylvania.

EBENEZER SILLIMAN, *Speaker.*'

In the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES *of the Colony of* Connecticut.

Friday 21*st of May*, 13*th* GEO. 3. 1773.

MR. Speaker having laid before the House a Letter from the Speaker of, and certain Resolutions entered into by, the House of Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*, on the Twelfth of *March* last, and this House taking into Consideration the Contents of the said Letter, the aforesaid Resolutions, and the Reasons on which they are grounded, are of Opinion, that they are weighty and important in their Nature and Design, calculated and tending to produce happy and salutary Effects in securing and supporting the antient, legal and constitutional Rights of this, and the Colonies in general, do therefore approve of and adopt the Measure, and thereupon

Resolve, That a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed, to consist of Nine Persons, *to wit*, the Honourable *Ebenezer Silliman*, Esq; *William Williams*, *Benjamin Payne*, *Samuel H. Parsons*, *Nathaniel Wales*, *Silas Dean*, *Samuel Bishop*, *Joseph Trumbull*, and *Erastus Wolcott*, Esquires, whose Business it shall be to obtain all such Intelligence, and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence with our Sister Colonies, respecting the important Considerations mentioned and expressed in the aforesaid Resolutions of the patriotic House of Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*, and the Result of such their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before this House.

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House do transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the *British*

Colonies on this Continent Copies of these Resolutions, and request that they would come into similar Measures, and communicate from Time to Time with the said Committee on all Matters wherein the common Welfare and Safety of the Colonies are concerned.

The foregoing Resolutions being severally read a third time, were, on the Question put, agreed to by the House.

A true Copy, extracted from the Journal,
Attest. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Clerk, D. R.*"

LETTER from the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Deputies for the Colony of Rhode-Island.

SIR, *New-Port, May* 15, 1773.

HAVING received a Letter from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of *Virginia*, inclosing the Resolutions of that patriotic and illustrious Assembly of the Twelfth of *March* last, and also a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry by them appointed, I took the earliest Opportunity of laying them before the House of Deputies of this Colony, who immediately entered into the Consideration of them, and, persuaded that nothing less than a firm and close Union of the Colonies in the most spirited, prudent and consistent Measures, can defeat the Designs of those who are aiming to deprive them of their inestimable Rights and Privileges, passed, *Nemine Contradicente*, the Resolutions of which I have the Honour to inclose you a Copy.

I request the Favour of you to lay them before your House of Representatives as soon as possible. I am, with great Respect,

Your most obedient Servant,

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Province of Pennsylvania. METCALF BOWLER."

In the HOUSE of DEPUTIES, *May* 7, 1773.

Resolved,

THAT a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed, to consist of Seven Persons, *to wit*, the Honourable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *Metcalf Bowler*, *Moses Brown*, *John Cole*, *William Bradford*, *Henry Ward*, and *Henry Merchant*, Esquires, any Four of whom to be a Committee, whose Business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the *British* Parliament, or Proceedings of Administration, as may relate

to, or affect, the *British* Colonies in *America*, and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important Considerations, and the Result of such Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before this House.

Voted per Order, J. LYNDON, *Clerk.*"

In the HOUSE of DEPUTIES, *May* 7, 1773.

WHEREAS this House hath appointed a Committee of Correspondence with Committees of the other Colonies, *&c.* it is therefore resolved by this House, that his Honour the Governor be requested to deliver said Committee a Copy of his Commission, as one of the Judges of the Court of Enquiry constituted from home, and said to be held in this Colony, and of all such other Papers, which were laid before said Court, as may be consistent with his Honour as Governor of this Colony.

Voted per Order, J. LYNDON, *Clerk.*"

In the HOUSE of DEPUTIES, *May* 7, 1773.

Resolved,

THAT the Speaker of this House be requested to write to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses in *Virginia*, and to all other Speakers of Assemblies in *North-America*, informing them of the Proceedings of this House relating to the Preservation of the Rights of the Colonies.

Voted per Order, J. LYNDON, *Clerk.*"

The afore-written is a true Copy of three Votes of the House of Deputies, or Lower House of Assembly, of the Colony of *Rhode-Island.*

Test. JOSIAS LYNDON, *Clerk.*"

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; dated *London, January* 6, 1773, inclosing a List of Thirty Acts passed in *Pennsylvania, March* and *September*, 1772, which were presented to the Privy Council on the 22d of *December* last by Mr. *Wilmot*, Agent to the Honourable the Proprietaries of this Province.

A Petition from the Grand Jury and a Number of the Freeholders of the County of *Northampton*, for an additional Representative in Assembly, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Petitions from *John Morris*, *James Trueman*, *Richard Mason*, *Joshua Humphreys*, *James Pellor*, *William Greenway*, *Matthew Clarkson*, *John Sibbald*, *John Read*, *Nathaniel Allen*, *John Howard*, *Benjamin Mifflin*, *John Armit* and *James Dickinson* were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed the Officer for culling Staves, *&c.* and for inspecting and measuring Boards and Timber exported from this Province.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Petitions from *Samuel Sweet* and *Thomas Bamford*, Prisoners for Debt in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaster* Counties, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, were presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Benjamin Pearson*, of the Town of *Reading*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for collecting the Duty of Excise on spirituous Liquors in the County of *Berks*, in the Room of *Jasper Scull*, deceased. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed by Law to superintend the Printing the several Sums of *Twenty-five Thousand Pounds* struck in Pursuance of the Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," passed the 21st of *March*, 1772; and the *Twelve Thousand Pounds* struck in Pursuance of the Act, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," passed the 21st of *February*, 1773, this Day, by the Hands of Mr. *Hillegas*, produced to the House the Receipts of *Owen Jones*, Esq; Provincial Treasurer, for the above Sums to him delivered by the said Committees, together with Fifteen unsigned supernumerary Sheets, and Fifty-six Bills of *Forty Shillings* each, of the *Twenty-five*, and Two Sheets of the *Twelve Thousand Pounds*, which were examined and counted at the Table by the Speaker, and then burned by Order, in the Presence of the House.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," read the 16th and referred on the 20th of *February* last to further Consideration of the House at their present Sitting, was this Day again

presented at the Table by a Member; with a Plan of the said Borough, but the said Bill being of considerable Length, and the House desirous of rising in a few Days, the same is recommended over to the Attention of the next Assembly.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Hockley* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to examine the Accounts of Incidental Expences for the current Year, and report the same to the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 22, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resuming the Consideration of the Petitions of *Samuel Sweet* and *Thomas Bamford*, Prisoners in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaster* Counties, for Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons;

Ordered, That Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Hockley* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the said Prisoners.

The Committee appointed to essay a Draught of a Bill for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of public Debts, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Two Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia* were presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raising a Fund to defray the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks," passed the 21st of *February*, 1772, having occasioned great Uneasiness in the Minds of the People, the Petitioners apprehend it will not answer the good Purposes intended by the Legislature, and therefore pray a Bill may be prepared and passed by the House for repealing the said Act.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message by Mr. SECRETARY.

"SIR,

"The Governor attends his Appointment in the Council-Chamber, in order to receive the House with their Address."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on his Honour; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor, and presented their Address, to which his Honour had been pleased to return the following kind Answer, *viz.*

"GENTLEMEN,

'I Accept with particular Pleasure your kind Congratulations, and the Assurances you are pleased to give me, that you will support the Honour and Dignity of my Government; for which I most heartily return you my warmest Thanks.

'As it was ever my sincere Inclination to cultivate Harmony between the two Branches of the Legislature during my former Administration, so you may be assured it shall be my future Care, while I have the Honour to preside in the Government of this Province, to cherish the same good Dispositions, as the surest Means of contributing to the Happiness and Prosperity of the People committed to my Care, with which I am thoroughly sensible the Interest of my Family is inseparably connected.

'The Representatives of the Freemen of this Province may therefore rely on the Sincerity of my Professions, when I assure them, that while my Duty calls upon me to support the just Prerogatives of the Crown, and the Rights of the Proprietaries, I shall be happy in promoting the Welfare of the People, and protecting them in the Enjoyment of their invaluable Liberties and Privileges."

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Esq; late Governor of this Province, with a Copy of the Resolve of Yesterday, voting him the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, and deliver the Certificate of the House for the said Sum.

The House then adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent counterfeiting the Paper-Money of other Colonies.

The House then taking into their Consideration the ill Consequences that may and do attend the further Circulation of the Bills of Credit of this Province under the Denomination of *Three Pounds* and *Thirty Shillings*, dated the First Day of *March*, 1769, many of which have been counterfeited, and are now passing among the Inhabitants;

Ordered, That the Provincial Treasurer do forthwith publish an Advertisement in the several *English* and *German* News-Papers, enjoining all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, possessed of the said true Bills, and also of the Bills under the Denominations of *Twelve* and *Eight Shillings*, of the said Date, to bring in the same, without Delay, to the said Treasurer, that they may be exchanged and sunk according

to the Directions of the Act of General Assembly in such Case provided, there being a Sum of Money now in his Hands for exchanging thereof; and further to advertise the said Persons, that unless they comply with this Notice they will be in Danger of losing an Opportunity of receiving the Value of such Bills.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *Samuel Sweet* and *Thomas Bamford*, languishing Prisoners in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaster* Counties, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 23, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Esq; late Governor of this Province, and present him with the Certificate of the House for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that Mr. *Penn* was pleased to say, "he returned many Thanks to the House, and was glad to find his Endeavours had answered their Expectation."

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed at the last Sitting to examine into the different Modes of assessing Property in the several Counties of this Province for sinking the Sums granted to his Majesty's Use during the late War, presented to the House a Report thereon in Writing, together with sundry Extracts of Assessments annexed to the same, and the said Report being read by Order, follows in these Words, *viz.*

THE Committee appointed to enquire into the present State and Mode of levying the Provincial Taxes, report,

That they have carefully examined many Returns of Assessments made in the several Counties, and find various Modes of Taxation, adopted by the Commissioners and Assessors of different Counties.

That the City and County of *Philadelphia* have generally laid their Assessments agreeable to Law; Stock and other personal Estate being therein rated as the Act of Assembly

directs; and all Land, so far as your Committee can determine, being charged nearly at its Value.

That the Counties of *Bucks* and *Chester* have generally pursued the same Mode of Taxation, making fair and true Charges of all Stock and Servants returned, (except female Negroes in *Chester* County, who are rated at one Half the Sum the Law directs) and assessing their Lands nearly as that of *Philadelphia* County, Situation and other Circumstances being considered.

That the Counties of *Lancaster*, *Berks* and *York* have, in *some Instances*, made proper Assessments of Land and Stock, but, *in others*, they have so far neglected or disregarded the Law, as to have charged Lands and *personal Estates* not higher than the Stock itself would amount to, if rated as the Act of Assembly directs.

That *Northampton* County hath been very attentive to the Law in their Rates of Stock and Servants, but in the Assessment of real Estates in that County, they have charged Land at an Average with the Payment of *only Three Shillings per Hundred Acres*; all unimproved Lands of *Non-residents*, which are charged with the Payment of *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence per Hundred Acres*, excepted.

That the County of *Cumberland* have paid a proper Regard to the Law in their Assessment of Stock and Servants; yet in the Rates of their Land they fall so remarkably short of some other Counties, that, at an Average, it does not pay more than *Seven-pence per Hundred Acres*, Lands of Non-residents, as above, excepted.

In Confirmation of which your Committee beg Leave to refer to Extracts of Assessments hereunto annexed.

Submitted to the House by

	JAMES WEBB,	GEORGE GRAY,
Philadelphia,	JOHN POPE,	THOMAS MIFFLIN,
September 18, 1773.	WILLIAM EDMONDS,	JOSEPH ELLICOT,
		ISAAC PEARSON."

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Samuel Sweet, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of* Philadelphia, *and* Thomas Bamford, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of* Lancaster, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent counterfeiting the Paper-Money of other Colonies, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was, by special Order, again read, debated by Paragraphs, and ordered to be transcribed.

A Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, upon Enquiry into the Circumstances of the *French* People residing on the Commons, known by the Name of the *Neutrals*, it appears to the Petitioners that a further Sum will be wanted to support them through the ensuing Season, the Money formerly voted by the House being expended and the Overseers in Advance for their Maintenance since the 25th of *March* last, and praying the House would make such Provision in the Case as may seem to them expedient.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *George Bray*, a languishing Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House taking into their Consideration sundry Letters received by the Judges of the Supreme Court of this Province from *David Ogden*, Esq; one of the Judges of the Province of *New-Jersey*, and several Affidavits taken before the said *David Ogden*, Esq; respecting the Persons who have lately counterfeited the Bills of Credit of this Province;

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to issue his Proclamation, offering the Reward of *Three Hundred Pounds*, for apprehending a certain *Joseph Richardson*, and the like Sum for apprehending a certain *Samuel Ford*, two Persons charged in the said Affidavits with counterfeiting the said Bills, and for delivering their Bodies to the Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, in the Gaol of the said County.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 24, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House an Extract of a Letter to the Reverend *Richard Peters* from Mrs. *Patient Wright*, in *London*, dated the 24th of *June*, 1773, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

I Send you by Captain *Sutton* the Busto of the Proprietor *Thomas Penn*, Esq;—It is a Present from Lady *Juliana*, his

Wife, to the People of *Pennsylvania*, to be lodged in the public Library.—Lady *Juliana* ordered me to send it to you, and to inform you she thought it a most excellent Performance, and that it was admired by the King and Queen and most of the Nobility in *England*. If any Accident should happen in the Passage, or it may want any Thing done to the Drapery, be pleased to apply to my Sister *Rachel Wells*, who has Orders from me and Lady *Juliana* to inspect it, and to keep the Key to the Case, until she hears further from us, as a few Alterations are intended to make it keep for Posterity, in Memory of the *Penn* Family, and of Mrs. *Wright's* Ingenuity."

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, and, after some Debate,

Resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed and paid to the said Overseers, for Support of a Number of aged infirm Persons and several Children among the *French* Neutrals in and about this City.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn by Order at the Table, the same was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Shoemaker*.

A Petition from *John Biddle*, of the Town of *Reading*, for the Office of Collector of Excise in the County of *Berks*, was presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," and, "*An Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper-Money of other Colonies*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Samuel Sweet, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* Thomas Bamford, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Lancaster *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Chreist* wait on the Governor therewith, and also deliver the two Bills passed in the Forenoon, for his Consideration and Assent.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Letters received by their Speaker from the several Assemblies of *Vir-*

ginia, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and *Rhode-Island*, with their respective Resolutions appointing Committees of Correspondence to collect and communicate to each other the earliest Intelligence of every Measure tending to infringe or restrict the general Rights of the Colonists, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to essay and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Letters, to be laid before the House To-morrow.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 25, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a verbal Message, requesting a List of the Certificates, Draughts and Orders, made payable out of the Supply Bill now before him.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to the Letters from the Speakers of the several Assemblies of *Virginia*, the *Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, and agreed to by the House, Mr. Speaker was desired to transmit a Copy thereof to each of the Colonies above-mentioned. And the said Answer follows in these Words, *viz.*

SIR, *Philadelphia, September* 25, 1773.

I Embraced the earliest Opportunity to communicate your Favour of the 19th of *March*, with the Resolves of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*, to the Assembly of this Province, and I have it in Command from them to assure your Honourable House, that they esteem it a Matter of the greatest Importance to co-operate with the Representatives of the other Colonies in every wise and prudent Measure which may be proposed for the Preservation and Security of their general Rights and Liberties; and that it is highly expedient and necessary a Correspondence should be maintained between the Assemblies of the several Colonies:—But as the present Assembly must, in a few Days, be dissolved, by Virtue of the Charter of the Province, and any Measures they might adopt at this Time, rendered, by the Dissolution, ineffectual, they have earnestly recommended the Subject Matter of the Letter and Resolves of the House of Burgesses of *Virginia* to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly. In the Name and by Order of the House, I have the Honour to be, with great Respect, SIR,

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia.

Your most obedient Servant,
JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

A List of the Certificates, Draughts and Orders, made payable out of the Supply Bill, being prepared, agreeable to his Honour's Request;

Ordered, That Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Pope* wait on the Governor, and deliver the same.

The Committee appointed at the last Sitting of the House, to hear sundry Owners of *Schuylkill Point Meadows*, for and against an Alteration of the Act of 1 GEO. 3. for regulating and improving the said Meadows, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

THAT having viewed the said Meadows, and heard the Allegations of the Parties, the Committee are of Opinion, that, although the Allotment of Banks, *&c.* when first made, might have been agreeable to Law and Justice, they are this Time, from a Change of Circumstances, unequal, and some Alteration is therefore necessary in the Law above recited.

Submitted to the House by

THOMAS MIFFLIN,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
ISAAC PEARSON,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS."

Philadelphia,
September 25, 1773.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Incidental List, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would consider it.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the different Modes of assessing Property in the several Counties of this Province, and after some Debate thereon, the Question being called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the said Report shall be earnestly recommended to the serious Consideration of the succeeding Assembly?—

It was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

YEAS.

Mr. *Israel Jacobs*,	Mr. *Shoemaker*,
Mr. *Roberts*,	Mr. *Mifflin*,
Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Foulke*,
Mr. *Rhoads*,	Mr. *Rodman*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Krewfen*,
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Brown*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Chapman,*	Mr. *John Jacobs,*
Mr. *Ellicot,*	Mr. *Minshall,*
Mr. *Shepherd,*	Mr. *Hockley,*
Mr. *Humphreys,*	Mr. *Bartholomew,*
Mr. *Pearson,*	Mr. *Allen.*
Mr. *Morton,*	

NAYS.

Mr. *Ferree,*	Mr. *Pope,*
Mr. *Ross,*	Mr. *Biddle,*
Mr. *Webb,*	Mr. *Chreist,*
Mr. *Ewing,*	Mr. *Edmonds.*

The House adjourned to *Monday*, next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

September 27, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Accounts, agreeable to their Appointment, presented at the Table a Report in Writing on the State of the Public Accounts for the past Year, which was read through by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the ASSEMBLY on the STATE of the PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1773.

Pursuant to the Appointment of the HOUSE, We have inspected and examined the several Public Accounts mentioned in this Report; and have burnt, sunk and destroyed the different Parcels of Bills of Credit as mentioned and specified in the same: The State of all which is as follows, viz.

WE FIND, THAT

SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE, on Behalf of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, hath received since last Year's Settlement, sundry Principal Sums, or Quotas, due on the Mortgages, (put under his Care by the said Trustees, on the 21st of October, 1767,) for which he Credits the Province,

By Cash received of sundry Persons from September the 9th, 1772, to September 15, 1773, for Quotas due on the several Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, Five Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 533 15 0

And he Charges,

To Bills of Credit, paid into the Hands of the Committee of Assembly, and by them burnt and destroyed according to Law, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 533 15 0

On Account of Interest on the said Mortgages, he Credits

By Balance remaining in his Hands, per Account settled last Year, — —	£ 2,653 19 2	
By Cash received of sundry Persons since last Settlement for Interest due on their several Mortgages taken, — —	211 3 9	
		£ 2,865 2 11

And he Charges,					
To an Allowance of £75 per Annum, for his Services for four Years, terminating the 21st of October, 1771, agreeable to a Vote of the House of September 25, 1771, — — — — — — — —	£	300	0	0	
To Balance in the Hands of Samuel Preston Moore, being Interest Money,		2,565	2	11	
					£ 2,865 2 11
Which Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds Two Shillings and Eleven-pence, remaining in the Hands of the said Samuel Preston Moore, we have counted.					
Quotas remaining, as per Report of the Committee last Year, —					£ 3,171 14 0
Of which Samuel Preston Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee since that Time, and by them hath been burnt and destroyed as above-mentioned, — — —					533 15 0
Quotas remaining due and to become due on Eighty-eight Mortgages, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£ 2,637 19 0

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the several COUNTIES for the* PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

Philadelphia County, for the Provincial Tax, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the Committee, September 9, 1772, —					£	4,045	0	0¾
To Drawback on Collector's Fees on Tax not received, — — — — — — — —						3	12	8
To a Fine received by the Treasurer from a Collector, for Neglect of Duty,						2	0	0
To Amount of Tax received, not before accounted for, — — — — — — — —						3	0	11½
								£ 4,053 13 8¼
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —								Cr.
By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, viz. Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —					£	145	5	6
By Cash paid Commissioners Orders, viz. One Commissioner's Fees, — — — —	£	7	5	8				
Clerk's Fees, Stationary, &c. — — —		10	19	5				
James Watkins, Collector, for a Tax wrong charged, — —		0	15	0				
David Potts, Ward Assessor's Fees, —		1	10	0				
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. 1772.								
Oct. 9. Nine Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds 15s. ¾d. — — —	£	992	15	0¾				
Nov. 18. One Thousand and Sixty Pounds 14 s2½d. — — —		1,060	14	2½				
Carried forward — —	£	2,073	19	4¼	£	145	5	6	£ 4,053 13 8¼

Brought forward — —			£2,073	19	4¼	£	145	5	6	£ 4,053	13 8¼
Dec.											
29. Eight Hundred and Forty-one Pounds 16s7 — — — —			841	16	7						
1773.											
Feb.											
10. Four Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds 8s10½d.			487	8	10½						
July											
16. Three Hundred and Seven Pounds 3s 3½d. — — —			307	3	3½						
						£	3,710	8	1¼		
County Treasurer's Commission on £3 710 8 1¼, at 20s. per Cent,							37	2	1		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding in the Hands of a Collector, against whose Effects Execution is issued, — — — —							160	18	0		
										£ 4,053	13 8¼

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, —						£11,590	16	6			
To Cash received of a Collector, being so much collected by him after Settlement of his Duplicate, — — — —							0	7	0		
										£11,591	3 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —									Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.											
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —			£	304	1 6						
Collectors Fees, —				282	3 0½						
						£	586	4	6½		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —			£	32	17 0						
County Assessors ditto, — — — —				113	5 0						
Township and Ward Assessors ditto, —				128	9 6						
Clerks ditto, — —				84	18 6						
Stationary, and sundry Disbursements, — —				7	13 0						
1773.											
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.											
June											
16. Thirteen hundred & twenty-five Pounds 3½d. —		£1,325	0	3½							
July											
16. Eight Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds 2s1, — — — —		853	2	1							
29. Fifteen Hundred & Seventy-nine Pounds 7s5¼ —		1,579	7	5¼							
Aug.											
10. Eleven Hundred and Fifteen Pounds 4s.½. —		1,115	4	0½							
Carried forward — —		£5,239	16	10¼	£	586	4	6½		£11,591	3 6

Brought forward — —		£5,239	16	10¼	£	586	4	6½	£11,591	3	6
Sept.											
7. Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds 9s1½ —		978	9	1½							
					£	6,218	5	11¾			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £6,218 5 11¾, at 20s. per Cent, —						62	3	7½			
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — —						4,724	9	4¼			
									£11,591	3	6

Bucks County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Joseph Chapman*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —									£	803	16 0½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —								Cr.			
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz.											
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —	£	28	8	0							
Collectors Fees, —		18	19	2							
					£	47	7	2			
Commissioners Fees,	£	1	7	0							
Clerks Fees, — —		7	10	0							
1773.											
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.											
Jan.											
2. Three hundred & thirty-four Pounds 10s10 — — — —	£	334	10	10							
July											
7. Two Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, — — —		217	0	0							
Sept.											
1. One Hundred and Eighty Pounds 6s7¼, (at twice)		180	6	7¾							
						740	14	5¾			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £740 14 5¾, at 20s. per Cent, —						7	8	1¾			
					£	795	9	9½			
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —						8	6	3			
									£	803	16 0½

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, — — — — — — — —									£	2,464	18 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —								Cr.			
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.											
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£	7	4	0							
Collectors Fees, —		47	8	5							
Carried forward — — — — — — — —					£	54	12	5	£	2,464	18 0

Brought forward — — — — — — — —			£ 54 12 5		£ 2,464 18 0
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£ 31 11 6				
County Assessors ditto,	35 10 0				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —	56 2 6				
Clerks ditto, &c. — —	36 11 0				
1773.					
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
June					
2. Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds 1s5, — —	£ 320 1 5				
19. Eight Hundred Pounds 2s3, — —	800 2 8				
Sept.					
1. Six Hundred and Seventeen Pounds,	617 0 0				
			1,896 18 8		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £1,896 18 8, at 20s. per Cent, — —		£	18 19 4½		
Mileage, — — — — — — — — — —			0 13 0		
		£	1,971 3 5½		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —			493 14 6½		
					£ 2,464 18 0

Chester County, for the Provincial Taxes,
James Gibbons, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny Tax*.

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£ 2,651 4 10
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —		£	72 1 6		
County Commissioners, Assessors and Clerks Fees, — — — — —	£ 12 7 6				
Township Assessors Fees, — — — —	24 13 0				
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
1772,					
Nov.					
26. Nine Hundred and Ninety-three Pounds 10s7, —	£ 993 10 7				
1773.					
Jan.					
26. Five Hundred and Two Pounds, —	502 0 0				
May					
27. Six Hundred and Thirty Pounds 14s11 — — —	630 14 11				
Sept.					
3. Two Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds 1s5½ — — — —	255 1 5½				
			2,418 7 5½		
Carried forward — — — — — — —		£	2,490 8 11½		£ 2,651 4 10

Brought forward — — — — — — — —				£	2,490	8 11½	£ 2,651 4 10
County Treasurer's Commissions on £2,418 7 5½, at 20s. per Cent, —					24	3 8	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —					136	12 2½	
							£ 2,651 4 10

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax. Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, — — — — — — — —							£ 3,956 15 3
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —							Cr.
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.							
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —	£	80	0 5				
Collectors Fees, — —		98	13 4½				
				£	178	13 9½	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£	29	9 6				
County Assessors ditto, — — — —		54	15 0				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —		88	12 6				
Clerks Fees, — —		36	1 6				
	£	208	18 6				
1773.							
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
Sept.							
3. Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds 10s5½, —		1,788	10 5½				
	£	1,997	8 11½				
County Treasurer's Commissions on £1,997 8 11½, at 20s. per Cent, — — —		19	19 5¾				
Mileage, — — — —		0	12 0				
					2,018	0 5¼	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —					1,760	1 0¼	
							£ 3,956 15 3

Lancaster County, for the Provincial Taxes, Dr.
On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

Michael Diffenderfer, Treasurer.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of said Tax, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — —							£ 883 2 9
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —							Cr.
1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
Sept. 3. Eight Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds Seven Shillings 10½d. — — — — — — — —				£	874	7 10½	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £874 7 10½, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — — — —					8	14 10½	
							£ 883 2 9

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Christian Wirtz*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, — — — — — — — —				£	3,578 2 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£ 185 6 6				
Collectors Fees, — —	84 14 0				
		£ 270 0 6			
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£ 52 13 0				
County Assessors ditto, — — — —	73 10 0				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —	120 15 0				
Clerks Fees, &c. — 1773.	24 10 0				
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
June					
22. Eight Hundred & One Pounds & Three-pence, —	£ 801 0 3				
Aug.					
18. Two Hundred and Nine Pounds 17s9	209 17 9				
Sept.					
4. Seven Hundred Pounds, — — —	700 0 0				
		1,982 6 0			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £1,982 6 0, at 20s. per Cent, —		19 16 4½			
Mileage, — — — — — — — — —		1 13 0			
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —		1,304 6 0½			
				£	3,578 2 0

York County, for the Provincial Taxes.

On Account of the Tenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due from the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, late Treasurer, as reported by the Committee 1771 and 1772, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	455 14 7¼
Of which no Part hath been paid.		

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Robert M'Pherson*, Treasurer. Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee in 1770, and again reported in 1771 and 1772, — — — — — — —			£	233 0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.		
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, exclusive of those formerly allowed, viz.				
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — —	£ 32 12 0			
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£ 32 12 0		£	233 0 0

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£	32	12	0	£	233	0	0
Taxes arising on the Lands of Non-residents on the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, exclusive of those formerly adjusted by County Commissioners, and for which the said Commissioners are to account, — — —		18	17	6				
Balance due to the Province, — — —		181	10	6				
					£	233	0	0

On Account of Taxes due from the Estates of Non-residents, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee in 1770, and again reported in 1771 and 1772, — — — — — — — — —	£	321	14	0			
To Amount of Taxes on the Lands of Non-residents on the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, passed by the County Commissioners to the Credit of Robert M'-Pherson, late Treasurer, to be accounted for as above-mentioned, — —		18	17	6			
					£	340	11	6½

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Michael Swoope*, Esq; Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of said Tax, as settled by the Committee September, 1772, — — — — — — — —					£	21	5	0½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.				
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,								
1773. May 20. Twenty-one Pounds and Ten-pence, — — — —	£	21	0	10				
County Treasurer's Commissions on £21 0 10, at 20s. per Cent, — —		0	4	2½				
					£	21	5	0½

NOTE. The Balance on the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax was wholly paid last Year.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of said Tax, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — —					£	603	8	6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.				
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled as allowed by the County Commissioners, viz.								
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — — —	£	18	2	0				
Collectors Fees, — —		37	14	3				
	£	55	16	3				
Commissioners Fees,	£	14	17	0				
Clerks ditto, — — —		7	10	0				
A commissioner's Order, for distributing Duplicates,		0	15	0				

1773.							
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
Feb.							
11. One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds 7s7 — — — —	£	136	7	7			
May							
20. Three Hundred Pounds — — —		300	0	0			
Sept.							
13. Eighty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings 6d. — — — —		82	14	6			
					542	4	1
County Treasurer's Commissions on £542 4 1, at 20s. per Cent, — —					5	8	2
						£ 603	8 6

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, — — — — — — — — — £ 1,587 19 11

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.							
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —					£	45 2	6
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£	28	12	0			
County Assessors ditto, — — — —		27	0	0			
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —		92	10	0			
Clerks ditto, — — —		27	10	0			
1773.							
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
May							
20. One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds 5s. — — — —	£	153	5	0			
Sept.							
13. Six Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds 8s9, — — — —		639	8	9			
					968	5	9
County Treasurer's Commissions on £968 5 9, at 20s. per Cent, — — —	£	9	13	7			
Mileage, — — — —		2	4	6			
					11	18	1
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — —					562	13	7
						£ 1,587	19 11

Cumberland County, for the Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Esq; Treasurer.

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, £ 429 3 9¼

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,
Sept. 20. Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings 5½. — — — — — — — £ 3 13 5½
By County Treasurer's Commissions on £3 13 5½, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — 0 0 9
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — 425 9 6¾
£ 429 3 9¼

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, £ 501 16 3

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

1771.
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.
Sept.
27. Sixty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings, not made known to the Committee at Settlement with John Montgomery, Esq; last Year, — £ 62 12 0
1773.
Sept.
20. Six Pounds, — 6 0 0
£ 68 12 0
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 68 12 0, at 20s. per Cent, — — 0 13 8½
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — 432 10 6½
£ 501 16 3

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, £ 443 3 10½

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

1773.
Sept.
20. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, Forty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings and one Half-penny, — — — — — — — — £ 41 12 0½
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 41 12 0½, at 20s. per Cent, — 0 8 4
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — 401 3 6
£ 443 3 10½

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, settled by the Committee last Year, —				£	809 19 7
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
1773.					
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
July					
26. One Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds 5s11, —	£	198 5 11			
Sept.					
20. One Hundred and Seventy Pounds 15s11, — — —		170 15 11			
			£	369 1 10	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 369 1 10, at 20s. per Cent, — —				3 13 10	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —				437 3 11	
				£	809 19 7

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, — — — — — — — —				£	1,133 7 8
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£	7 14 11			
Collectors Fees, — —		0 1 5½			
			£	7 16 4½	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£	35 16 0			
County Assessors ditto,		25 15 0			
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —		89 0 0			
Clerks ditto, — — —		25 0 0			
Stationary, &c. — — —		15 0 0			
	£	190 11 0			
1773.					
Sept.					
20. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, One Hundred and Nineteen Pounds 6s3, — — — —		119 6 3			
			£	309 17 3	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £309 17 3, at 20s. per Cent, —	£	3 2 0			
Mileage, — — — —		3 0 0			
				6 2 0	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —				809 11 7½	
				£	1,133 7 8

Berks County, for the Provincial Taxes,
Christopher Witman, Treasurer.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year,					£	80 15 9½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
1773.						
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.						
Aug.						
31. Seventy-nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Nine-pence, — — —			£ 79 19 9			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 79 19 9, at 20s. per Cent, —			0 16 0½			
					£	80 15 9½

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, — — — — — — — —					£	1,259 6 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax as settled by County Commissioners, viz.						
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£	38 12 3				
Collectors Fees, — —		30 10 4				
			£	69 2 7		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£	30 0 0				
County Assessors ditto,		24 5 0				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —		49 0 0				
Clerks Fees and sundry Disbursements, — —		30 10 0				
			£	133 15 0		
1773.						
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,						
August						
31. Nine Hundred and Forty-three Pounds				943 0 0		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1,076 15 0, at 20s. per Cent,	£	10 15 4				
Mileage — — — — —		1 9 0				
				12 4 4		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — —				101 4 1		
					£	1,259 6 0

Northampton County, for the Provincial Tax,
Herman Schnyder, Treasurer,

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax — — — — — — —				£	965	4 10
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.						
Collectors Fees — — — — — — — — — —				£	24 2 7½	
County Commissioners Fees — — — — — —	£	29	6 6			
County Assessors ditto		21	19 3			
Township Assessors ditto — — — — — —		53	7 6			
Clerks ditto — — —		35	7 6			
				£	140 0 9	
1773.						
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.						
April						
20, 21 & 22.						
Four Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds	£	439	0 0			
September						
1. Three Hundred and Eleven Pounds 16s. — — — — —		311	16 0			
8. Thirty-nine Pounds 9s5 (at twice) —		39	9 5			
					790 5 5	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 930 6 2, at 20s. per Cent, — —				£	9 6 0½	
Mileage — — — — — — — — — —					1 10 0	
						£ 965 4 10

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the EXCISE on* SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS *in the several Counties*, viz.

The Estate of *Joseph Stretch*, deceased, late Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						£ 407 15 8½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By sundry Debts due from divers Persons, who are become Insolvent, as per List rendered, — — — — — — —				£	63 5 0	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — —					22 15 4	
Commissions on £ 22 15 4, at 5 per Cent, — — — — — — — — —					1 2 9	
Balance due to the Province, — — —					320 12 7½	
						£ 407 15 8½

William Crispin, Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee September 9, 1772, — — — —	£	208	14	1		
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1772, to July 1, 1773, — — — — —		5,662	16	4		
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum — — — — — — — — — —		430	0	8		
To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures		28	3	6		
					£ 6,329	14 7
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — —	£	5,510	9	3		
By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent,		275	10	5		
Balance due, said to be outstanding		543	14	11		
					£ 6,329	14 7

John Woolston, Collector for *Bucks* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1772, to July 1, 1773, — — — — — — —	£	464	0	0		
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum — — — — — — — — — —		84	0	0		
To a Moiety of Fines — — — — —		4	10	0		
					£ 552	10 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — —	£	497	5	0		
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		55	5	0		
					£ 552	10 0

Charles Humphreys, Collector for *Chester* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1772, to July 1, 1773, — — — — — — —	£	1,136	8	0		
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum — — — — — — — — — —		94	9	0		
To a Moiety of a Fine — — — — —		2	10	0		
					£ 1,233	7 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By an Allowance for an Insolvent — —	£	4	14	0		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — —		1,106	5	9		
By his Commisssions, at 10 per Cent, —		122	7	3		
					£ 1,233	7 0

Sebastian Graaff, Collector for *Lancaster* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — —	£	338	5	1		
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1772, to July 10, 1773, — — — — — —		1,078	2	2		
To sundry Retailers per Annum — —		101	5	10		
					£ 1,517	13 1

CONTRA					Cr.
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,	£	1,055	14	0	
By sundry Persons, either Insolvents or Run-away, &c.		24	15	4	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent,		105	11	4	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding		331	12	5	
					£ 1,517 13 1

Jacob Billmeyer, jun. late Collector for *York* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year,	£	119	6	6	
To Amount of Excise from the 1st of August, 1772, to the Time Henry Miller undertook the Office		39	15	5	
					£ 159 1 11

CONTRA					Cr.
By an Allowance made for George Eichelberger, for whose Excise he over charged himself last Year	£	5	17	8	
By an Allowance for James M'Mullin, who could not be found		3	0	0	
Ditto for Alexander Hays, who absconded		3	0	0	
Ditto for Moritz Hartman, Insolvent,		1	4	0	
Ditto for John Heifer, who is settled under a Maryland Patent,		3	0	0	
Ditto for John Brown, ditto ditto		3	0	0	
	£	19	1	8	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,		127	6	6	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent,		12	13	9	
					£ 159 1 11

Henry Miller, present Collector for *York* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise to August 1, 1773, exclusive of what was received by Jacob Billmeyer, jun. late Collector	£	318	15	11	

CONTRA					Cr.
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,	£	197	19	11	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent,		19	16	0	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding,		101	0	0	
					£ 318 15 11

Note. Several Persons who are settled on Lands patented in the Province of Maryland, though within the County of York, we are informed have refused to pay the Excise and Provincial Taxes.

THOMAS BEARD, Collector of Excise for the County of Cumberland, hath not appeared, nor sent any Accounts of Excise since the Settlement in the Year 1769: But we find by the Reports of the Committees of Accounts since that Time, that he hath paid into the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, before the Settlement of the public Accounts in the Year 1772, the Sum of — — — — — — — — —	£	204	12	3			
And we find he hath paid him since that Time — — — — — — — — — —		27	0	0			
					£	231	12 3

The Estate of *Jasper Scull*, deceased, late Collector for the County of *Berks*, Dr.

TO Balance, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — Of which no Part is paid.					£	135	10 2

John Biddle, present Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from the 14th of August, 1772, to the 14th of August, 1773, including what was received thereof by Jasper Scull, late Collector, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	603	0	0			
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — —		77	8	6			
					£	680	8 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —					Cr.		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — — —	£	532	15	0			
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		53	5	6			
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —		94	8	0			
					£	680	8 6

Jesse Jones, Collector for *Northampton* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — —	£	18	17	3			
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1772, to July 1, 1773, — — — — — — — —		279	6	6			
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum — — — — — — — — — — —		24	15	0			
					£	322	18 9
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —					Cr.		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — —	£	270	10	9			
By his Commissions at 10 per Cent —		27	1	0			
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —		25	7	0			
					£	322	18 9

Thomas Urie, Collector for the County of *Bedford*, Dr.

TO Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum from April, 1771, to April, 1772,					£	15 15 0
CONTRA			Cr.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,	£	11	11	10		
By an outstanding Debt, due from Jane Wood,		3	0	0		
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent,		1	3	2		
					£	15 15 0

Note. No Account of Excise has been rendered for the County of Bedford for this Year, nor do we find any Money paid on Account thereof to the Provincial Treasurer.

THOMAS LEMON, Collector of Excise for the County of Northumberland, hath not appeared, nor sent any Account for this Year, nor do we find that he has paid any Money to the Provincial Treasurer.

JAMES KINKEAD, Collector of Excise for the County of Westmoreland, hath not appeared, nor sent any Account for this Year, nor paid any Money to the Provincial Treasurer.

STATE *of other* ACCOUNTS, *viz.*

Thomas Coombe, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for Building and Supporting a Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

TO Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia from August 31, 1772, to August 31, 1773,					£	1,767 19 2
CONTRA			Cr.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,	£	1,661	17	8½		
Commissions, at 6 per Cent,		106	1	5½		
					£	1,767 19 2

Thomas Coombe, Collector of the Duties on Negro and Mulatto Slaves, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, as settled by the Committee September 16, 1771,	£	17	10	6		
To Amount of Duties received on Slaves imported into this Province before last Settlement, being Part of the £570, then outstanding,		252	10	0		
To Amount of Duties received on Slaves imported into this Province since September, 1771,		87	10	0		
					£	357 10 6
CONTRA			Cr.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,	£	331	7	6		
Carried forward	£	331	7	6	£	357 10 6

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£	331	7	6	£	357 10 6
Commissions on £331 7 6, at 5 per Cent, — — — — — — — — — —		16	11	5		
Balance due — — — — — — — — —		9	11	7		
					£	357 10 6
Note. The outstanding Debts of the Duties on Negro and Mulatto Slaves imported into this Province since last Settlement —	£	90	0	0		
And of the £570, reported by the Committee to be outstanding the 21st of September, 1771, there remains to be accounted for the Sum of — — — — — —		317	10	0		
					£	407 10 0
In which Sum the Drawback on Slaves exported and insolvent Debts are included.						

Joseph Fox, Barrack-Master in *Philadelphia*, Dr.

1772.						
Dec.						
2.						
TO Ensign M'Kensey, for his Bill on Captain Steward of the 68th Regiment, for Deficiencies, — — — — — — —	£	8	2	3		
To Cash received of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — — — — — — —		1,388	18	2		
					£	1,397 0 5
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Amount of his Account for Necessaries supplied the Soldiers quartered in this City, in Firewood, Candles, Small-beer, &c. from September 12, 1772, to September 16, 1773, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	1,397 0 5

William Bowsman, Barrack-Master in *Lancaster*, Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, —	£	64	7	2		
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Amount of his Account for Repairs and Necessaries supplied the Soldiers quartered in Lancaster, in Firewood, Candles, Small-beer, &c. from September 14, 1772, to September 15, 1773, — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	64 7 2

The Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia*, appointed by Acts of Assembly passed in 1766 and 1767, Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, charged in his Account, settled by the Committee September, 1771, as reported last Year,	£	276	18	4		
To ditto, for several Branches, granted to Pilots, from June 2, 1766, to February 26, 1767, — — — — — — — —		42	10	0		
To ditto, received for several Branches to Pilots since that Time — — —		68	10	0		
To Amount of Pilotage, being Forfeitures to the Office — — — — — — — —		20	19	3		
					£	408 17 7

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

1766.

By sundry Expences of printing, &c. &c.				£	28	5 0
By Wardens Wages, viz.						
Peter Reeve, President, 49 Days, at 7s6, — — — — — —	£	18	7 6			
Oswell Eve, 45 Days, at 5s. — — — —		11	5 0			
Ditto, as President, 8 Days, at 7s6,		3	0 0			
Robert Morris, 34 Days, at 5s. — —		8	10 0			
Abel James, 32 Days, at 5s. — — — —		8	0 0			
John Nixon, 32 Days, at 5s. — — — —		8	0 0			
Thomas Penrose, 35 Days, at 5s. — —		8	15 0			
Michael Hulings, 32 Days, at 5s. — —		8	0 0			
					73	17 6
				£	102	2 6

1767.

By an Allowance to Joseph Saunders, for Hire of a Room and one Year's Clerk's Wages, — — — — — — — — — —					50	0 0
By Wardens Wages from June, 1767, to January 15, 1771, viz.						
Peter Reeve, President, 48 Days, at 7s6, — — — —	£	18	0 0			
Robert Morris, 40 Days, at 5s. — —		10	0 0			
Thomas Penrose, 39 Days, at 5s. — —		9	15 0			
Abel James, 35 Days, at 5s. — — — —		8	15 0			
Michael Hulings, 35 Days, at 5s. — —		8	15 0			
Ditto, as President, 5 Days, at 7s6,		1	17 6			
John Nixon, 29 Days, at 5s. — — — —		8	0 0			
Oswell Eve, 21 Days, at 5s. — — — —		5	5 0			
					69	12 6
By sundry Expences for printing, &c.					7	19 3
By an Allowance to Thomas Coombe, for Hire of a Room and Clerkship from June the 16th, 1767, to January 16, 1771, at £50 per Annum, is 3 Years and 7 Months — — — — — — — —					179	3 4
						£ 408 17 7

Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

TO Balance remaining in their Hands on a Settlement with the Committee, September 10, 1772, — — — — — — — —				£	571	1 6
To Cash received from the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, for Branches to several Pilots, — — — — — — — —					57	0 0
						£ 628 1 6

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia for their Services and Disbursements, not included in last Year's Settlement, viz.

1771.

March

28. Paid James Nevel, for printing Certificates, — £ 1 13 4
Paid for Wafers 0 4 0
Paid for a Trancript of the Law 1 0 0

May

2. Paid Joseph Cruksnank for Blank Bonds — — — 1 5 0

July

29. Paid Robert Kennedy for glazing Maps — — — 0 10 0

Oct.

21. Paid for a Copy of the Light-house Law, passed Oct. 1, 1771, — — — 1 0 0

1772.

May

16. Paid James Nevel, for Parchment and printing Certificates, — 1 7 6

£ 6 19 10

Paid Wardens Wages, viz.

Peter Reeve, President, 58 Days, at 7s6, — — £ 21 15 0
Robert Morris, 13 Days, at 5s. — 3 5 0
Michael Hulings, 39 Days, at 5s. 9 15 0
John Nixon, 25 Days, at 5s. — 6 5 0
Robert Whyte, 60 Days, at 5s. — 15 0 0
John M. Nesbitt, 30 Days, at 5s. 7 10 0
Thomas Penrose, 26 Days, at 5s. 6 10 0

70 0 0

Paid Thomas Coombe, for the Rent of a Room, Fire, Quills, Ink, &c. Clerkship from January 16, 1771, to March, 1773, being two Years and two Months, at £50 per Annum, — — — — — — — 108 6 8

By Commissions allowed the Commissioners of the Light-house on £2,420. Disbursements by them made from Nov. 10, 1770, to Sept. 10, 1772, at 5 per Cent, — — — — — — — — 121 0 0

1772. Cash paid, viz.

Sept.

1. Arthur Donaldson for Boards — £ 3 6 1½

Carried forward — — £ 3 6 1½ £ 306 6 6 £ 628 1 6

Brought forward — —	£	3	6	1½	£	306	6	6	£	628	1 6
Oct.											
12. Nehemiah Fields, for John Hitchcock and Family's Passage, &c. — — —		3	0	0							
Dec.											
3. John Hitchcock, on Account of Wages, — —		22	5	8							
4. Joseph Anthony, for 17 Barrels of Oil, — — — —		107	18	0							
5. Jacob Myers, for Anchors for the Buoys, — — —		9	4	7							
6. Joseph Gamble, for laying ditto —		5	0	0							
7. George Morrison, for Cotton Wick,		4	11	0							
8. Matt. Young, for painting Buoys,		0	5	6							
James Stewart, for taking up a Buoy and Chain,		3	0	0							
9. Luke Morris for one Year's Storage for Buoys,		12	0	0							
10. Ditto for repairs for Buoys in 1772, — — —		17	7	9							
						187	18	7½			
By Cash paid Interest of the following Certificates, viz.											
William Morrel, one Year's — — —	£	30	0	0							
Joseph Fox, ditto —		9	0	0							
Joseph Richardson, ditto on £250,		15	0	0							
Joseph Potts 60. —		3	12	0							
Reeve and Liddon 200, — — — —		12	0	0							
James Hamilton 200, — — — —		12	0	0							
						81	12	0			
Balance remaining in the Hands of the Commissioners, to be by them accounted for, — — — — — — — —						52	4	4½			
									£	628	1 6

Samuel Penrose, **Dr.**

1773.					
TO Balance due the Province, as settled by the Trustees of the Province Island, September 15, 1772, — — — — — — — —	£	275	5	7	
Sept.					
6. To one Year's Rent of said Island		401	0	0	
To one Year's Interest on £570, being the Amount of the new Improvement made on said Island, as per Contract, — — —		34	4	0	
					£ 710 9 7
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Esq; Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, —	£	458	5	5	
Balance due to the Province — —		252	4	2	
					£ 710 9 7

The Estate of the Honourable the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as settled by the Commissioners of the respective Counties, Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province, exclusive of their Tax on their Lands in the Counties of Bucks, Chester, Cumberland and Bedford, as reported last Year, — — — — — — — — — —			£	565 5 4	
To Amount of their Tax in the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, as follows, viz.					
Bucks County — —	£	30 12 0			
Chester County not brought in.					
Cumberland County —		168 10 5			
				199 2 5	
Bedford County, see below.					
To Amount of their Tax in the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, as follows, viz.					
Philadelphia County,	£	144 6 0			
Bucks County — —		30 12 0			
Chester County, not brought in.					
Lancaster County —		127 11 9½			
York County — —		53 2 11			
Cumberland County —		166 7 0			
Berks County — —		139 13 6			
Northampton County		124 7 11			
Bedford County, including the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax,		238 10 0			
Northumberland County, not brought in.					
				1,024 11 1½	
					£ 1,788 18 10½
CONTRA — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — — —			£	867 0 0	
Balance due to the Province, —				921 18 10½	
					£ 1,788 18 10½

The Trustees of the State-House, Dr.

TO Cash received of Dr. John Morgan, for 48,600 old Bricks sold him, at 14s6. per 1,000, — — — — — — — — —	£	35 4 8		
Ditto received of Samuel Rhoads, for 1,000 ditto — — — — — — — — —		0 14 6		
			£	35 19 2
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.		
By Cash paid Christopher Cave, in full for Ironwork of two Pumps, placed Front of the State-House, per Order of the Assembly, — — — — — — —	£	5 6 0		
Ditto paid Elmsley and Morris, their Account for two Pumps, — — — —		13 9 4		
Ditto paid Thomas Morris, for Well Curbs, Cedar Posts, &c. — — — —		1 10 1½		
Ditto paid for painting the Pumps —		0 15 0		
Ditto paid Thomas Hallowell, in Part of his Account, for digging the Wells, laying Pavements, and for Bricks, &c. — — — — — — — — — —		14 18 8½		
			£	35 19 2

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of OWEN JONES,* PROVINCIAL TREASURER, *viz.*

On Account of the Duties and Tonnage, per Act of Assembly passed 1758, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1769, — — — — — — — — Which sum of £2 107 ½ remains in his Hands.				£	2 10 7½

On Account of the *Province Island,* Dr.

TO Cash received of Samuel Penrose, being Rent for said Island, at sundry Times, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	458 5 5
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.			
By Balance due to Owen Jones, as settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, — — — — — — — — — —	£	2 17 3			
By Cash paid Luke Morris, Thomas Wharton and Samuel Morris, jun. per Order of the Trustees, — — — — — —		70 5 6½			
By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, —		3 13 1			
Balance due to the Province — — —		381 9 6½			
				£	458 5 5

On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

TO Cash received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, — — — —				£	230 9 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.			
By Bills of Credit, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, —	£	229 6 7			
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,		1 2 11			
				£	230 9 6

On Account of the Act for granting £24,000 to the King's Use, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — Which Sum remains in his Hands.				£	701 11 0

On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships for Building and Supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen,* Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, — —	£	505 1 2½			
To Cash received of Thomas Coombe in several Payments — — — — — —		1,661 17 8½			
				£	2,166 18 11
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.			
By Cash paid Peter Reeve, per Order of the Commissioners of the Light-house, — — — — — — — — — —	£	1,100 0 0			
By ditto paid the Signers of the £12,000 Bills of Credit, issued per Act passed the 26th of February, 1773, — — — — — — — — — —		36 0 0			
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£	1,136 0 0		£	2,166 18 11

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£ 1,136 0 0	£ 2,166 18 11
By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, Isaac Pearson and Michael Hillegas, for their Attendance on the Press in printing the said £12,000, &c. — —	9 10 0	
	£ 1,145 10 0	
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,	5 14 6	
Balance remaining in his Hands — —	1,015 14 5	
		£ 2,166 18 11

On Account of the Act for raising and applying the Sum of £3,000, towards removing *Indian* Discontents, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, — Which Sum remains in his Hands.		£ 3 9 0

On Account of Excise on Spirituous Liquors, Dr.

TO Cash received of the Estate of Joseph Stretch, deceased, — — — — —	£ 22 15 4	
Ditto of William Crispin, Collector for Philadelphia County — — — — — —	5,510 9 3	
John Woolston, — — — — — —		
Bucks County — — — — — — —	497 5 0	
Charles Humphreys, — — — — —		
Chester County — — — — — —	1,106 5 9	
Sebastian Graaff. — — — — — —		
Lancaster County — — — — — —	1,055 14 0	
Jacob Billmeyer, late — — — — —		
York County — — — — — — —	127 6 6	
Henry Miller, present — — — —		
York County — — — — — — —	197 19 11	
Jasper Scull, late — — — — — —		
Berks County — — — — — — —	0 0 0	
John Biddle, present — — — — —		
Berks County — — — — — —	532 15 0	
Thomas Beard, — — — — — — —		
Cumberland County — — — — —	27 0 0	
Jesse Jones, — — — — — — —		
Northampton County — — — —	270 10 9	
Thomas Urie, — — — — — — —		
Bedford County — — — — — —	11 11 10	
Thomas Lemon, — — — — — —		
Northumberland County — — —	0 0 0	
		£ 9,359 13 4
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —	Cr.	
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £20,000, issued by Act of Assembly passed May 20, 1767, —	£ 992 0 0	
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £16,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,806 4 0	
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £7,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed March 9, 1771, in the same Act mentioned, — — —	1,074 5 5	
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£ 6,872 9 5	£ 9,359 13 4

Brought forward — — — — — — — — —	£ 6,872 9 5		£ 9,359 13 4
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £25,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed March 21, 1772,	2,041 10 0		
	£ 8,913 19 5		
By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, —	445 13 11		
		£ 9,359 13 4	

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes, Dr.

TO Cash received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland,		£	3 13 5½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —	Cr.		
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£ 3 13 3½		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,	0 0 2		
		£	3 13 5½

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Michael Swoope, for York County, — — — — — — —	£ 21 0 10		
To ditto of John Montgomery, for Cumberland County, — — — — — — —	6 0 0		
		£	27 0 10
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —	Cr.		
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — —	£ 26 19 6		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,	0 1 4		
		£	27 0 10

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland County, — — — — — — — — — — —		£	41 12 0½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —	Cr.		
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£ 41 10 0		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,	0 2 0½		
		£	41 12 0½

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, — —	£ 6,384 9 6		
To Cash received of			
Barnaby Barnes, for Philadelphia County,	£3,689 18 0¼		
Joseph Chapman, — Bucks — — — —	731 17 5¾		
James Gibbons, — Chester — — —	2,381 6 11½		
Michael Diffenderfer, Lancaster — —	874 7 10½		
Michael Swoope, — York — — — —	519 2 1		
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£ 8,196 12 5	£ 6,384 9 6	

Brought forward — — — — — — — — —	£ 8,196 12 5	£ 6,384 9 6
Christopher Whitman, Berks — —	79 19 9	
John Montgomery, Cumberland — —	369 1 10	
	8,645 14 0	
		£15,030 3 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£14,992 13 10	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,	37 9 8	
		£15,030 3 6

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, for Philadelphia County, — — — —	£ 5,851 2 11¾	
Joseph Chapman, — — — — — —		
Bucks — — — — — — — — — —	1,737 3 8	
James Gibbons, — — — — — —		
Chester — — — — — — — — —	1,788 10 5½	
Christian Wertz, — — — — —		
Lancaster — — — — — — — —	1,710 18 0	
Michael Swoope, — — — — — —		
York — — — — — — — — — —	792 13 9	
Christopher Whitman, — — — —		
Berks — — — — — — — — — —	943 0 0	
John Montgomery, — — — — — —		
Cumberland — — — — — — — —	119 6 3	
Herman Schnyder, — — — — — —		
Northampton — — — — — — —	790 5 5	
		£13,733 0 6¼
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£ 4,076 15 0½	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,	10 3 10	
Balance due to the Province, — —	9,646 1 7¾	
		£13,733 0 6¼

On Account of the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries, Dr.

TO Cash received of Edmund Physick — — — — — — — —		£ 867 0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£ 864 17 0	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,	2 3 0	
		£ 867 0 0

On Account of the Parliamentary Grants, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, as settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		£ 2,083 18 8¼
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt — — —	£ 2,078 14 9	
Commissions, at 5s. per Cent, — —	5 3 11¼	
		£ 2,083 18 8¼

On Account of the Act for raising £16,000, for Support of Government, passed *February* 18, 1769, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 671 18 3

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid the following Certificates, viz.			
Robert Erwin, — —	£ 30	0	0
Ditto — — — —	7	4	4
Michael Coons — —	3	0	0
Andrew M'Nair — —	24	0	9
William Sheed — —	1	0	0
William Parr, for recording Laws, &c.	25	5	6
John Sellers, for viewing Susquehanna, &c. — — —	20	12	10
Abel Evans, Assistant Clerk, — — — —	15	0	0
Lawrence Shiney —	0	17	4
Overseers of the Poor, for the French Neutrals, — — — —	100	0	0
Joseph Shippen, Esq; for Proclamations, &c. — — — —	15	18	10½
Ditto as Clerk of the Council, —	30	0	0
Ditto for Indian Expences, — — —	3	14	7½
Hall and Sellers, for Printing, — — —	233	10	6
David Hall, for Stationary, — — — —	7	8	1½
Samuel Rhoads, Esq; for viewing Schuylkill, &c. — — —	18	8	4
Joseph Galloway, Esq; for Fire-wood, — —	13	8	9
Michael Hillegas, Esq; for Services on the Committee,	11	0	0
Judges Expences on the Circuit, — —	21	2	2
Samuel Rhoads, Esq; for Services on Committees, — —	10	0	0
William Sheed, Serjeant at Arms, &c.	14	15	0
Edward Duffield, for his Care of the Clock, &c. — — —	23	3	0
Abel James, for his Services on Committees, — — — —	10	10	0
Benjamin Lightfoot, for viewing Schuylkill, — — — —	28	7	5
Samuel Shoemaker, Esq; Part of his Certificate, the other Part paid out of the £25,000, —	0	3	11½
	£ 668	11	6
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,	3	6	9
		£ 671	18 3

On Account of the £5,000, appropriated for defraying *Indian* Treaties, passed the 14th of *May*, 1762, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, — —					£	356 13 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Cash paid James and Drinker, on Account of an Indian Chief, per Order of the Speaker, Joseph Fox, and John Baynton, Esqrs. — — — —	£	25	0	0		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,		0	1	3		
Balance due to the Province — —		331	12	3		
					£	356 13 6

On Account of the Act for raising the Sum of £15,000, for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, passed the 9th of *March*, 1771, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£10,254	14 4½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Cash paid the following Certificates, viz. William Dunwick — — — — —	£	84	1	0		
John Palmer — — — — — — — — —		800	0	0		
John Bower — — — — — — — — —		0	15	0		
John Palmer — — — — — — — — —		800	0	0		
Ditto — — — — — — — — — — —		800	0	0		
William Dunwick — — — — — — —		69	9	6		
Matthew Clarkson — — — — — — —		14	18	0		
James and Drinker — — — — — — —		31	11	0½		
Joseph Fox — — — — — — — — —		23	0	6		
John Palmer — — — — — — — —		1,000	0	0		
John Read — — — — — — — — —		10	0	0		
John Palmer — — — — — — — — —		294	9	11		
Ditto — — — — — — — — — — —		800	0	0		
John Montresor — — — — — — — —		144	16	1		
John Palmer — — — — — — — — —		800	0	0		
John Read — — — — — — — — —		15	0	0		
John Palmer — — — — — — — — —		800	0	0		
John Morton, Esq; — — — — — — —		44	0	0		
William Grantham — — — — — — —		44	13	9		
John Palmer — — — — — — — — —		800	0	0		
Samuel Penrose — — — — — — —		83	4	11		
	£	7,459	19	8½		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,		18	12	11½		
Balance due to the Province — —		2,776	1	8½		
					£10,254	14 4½

On Account of the Act for appropriating £5,000, to purchase Lots of Ground, adjoining the State-House Lots, passed *May* 14, 1762, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, as settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	1,008 0 4
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Cash paid the following Certificates, viz.						
Daniel Richards — —	£	5	5	5		
James Cannon — —		1	14	4		
John Power — — —		2	9	0		
	£	9	8	9		
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,		0	0	11		
Balance due to the Province — —		998	10	8		
					£	1,008 0 4

On Account of the Act for raising £25,000, for the Support of Government, passed the 21st of *March*, 1772, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, —		£11,592 19 6	
To Cash received of the Committee of Assembly, since the above Settlement, being the Remainder of the £25,000, struck in Pursuance of the said Act, — — — — — — — — — —		3,905 18 0	
			£15,498 17 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.
By Cash paid the following Certificates, viz.			
Samuel Shoemaker, Esq; the Remainder of his Certificate,	£ 1 6 0½		
Benjamin Franklin, Esq; £500 Sterling, Exchange 57½ per Cent, — — —	787 10 0		
David Rittenhouse —	18 15 0		
Andrew Allen, Esq; Attorney General —	75 0 0		
Thomas Willing, Esq; one of the Judges,	150 0 0		
Joseph King, Treasurer to the Pennsylvania Hospital, the Allowance made by Law to some of the Signers of the Bills of Credit, emitted by this Law	104 16 1½		
Henry Miller, for Printing — — — —	53 5 0		
Ditto ditto —	69 14 0		
Joseph Galloway, Esq; for Extra Services	75 0 0		
William Allen, Esq; Chief Justice — —	200 0 0		
Henry William Stiegel — — — —	150 0 0		
William Bowsman, Esq; Barrack-Master of Lancaster, —	20 0 0		
Isaac Pearson, Esq; for Services on Committees — — — —	9 10 0		
Charles Moore, Esq; Clerk of Assembly,	255 10 6		
John Lawrence, Esq; one of the Judges,	150 0 0		
Joseph Fox — — —	11 0 0		
Joseph Fox, Esq; Barrack-Master of Philadelphia, — —	60 0 0		
Joseph King, Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Hospital, the Remainder of the Allowance made to the Signers of the Bills of Credit, emitted by this Law,	140 3 11		
Mary Norris, Administratrix of Charles Norris, deceased, —	6 17 0		
Judges Expences on the Circuit — —	40 11 3		
Edmund Physick, Esq;	18 3 0		
		£ 2,397 1 10	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,		5 19 10	
Balance due to the Province — —		13,095 15 10	
			£15,498 17 6

On Account of the £4,000, granted to his Majesty, for the Support of his Troops in Quarters in this Province, per Act passed the 21st of *March* 1772, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, — — — — — — — — — — — —		£ 2,597	13 9½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —	Cr.		
By Cash paid Joseph Fox, Esq; at sundry Times, — — — —	£1,388 18 2		
By ditto, paid William Bowsman, Esq; ditto	64 7 2		
	£ 1,453 5 4		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent, — — — — — — —	3 12 8		
Balance due to the Province — — —	1,140 15 9½		
		£ 2,597	13 9½

On Account of the £12,000, struck for the Use of the Lighthouse, building Piers, *&c.* per Act passed the the 26th of *February*, 1773, Dr.

TO Bills of Credit, received of the Committee of Assembly, struck in Pursuance of said Act, — — — —		£12,000	0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —	Cr.		
By Cash paid Peter Reeve, per two Orders of the Wardens of the Port,	£ 7,000 0 0		
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,	35 0 0		
Balance due to the Province — — —	4,965 0 0		
		£12,000	0 0

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, We find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, the Sum of Thirty-five Thousand and Fifty-eight Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Five-pence Three Farthings, viz.

On Account of Duties and Tonnage, per Act passed 1758,	£ 2	10 7½
On Account of the Province Island, — — — — — — — —	381	9 6½
On Account of the £24,000, granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763, — — — — — — — — — — — —	701	11 0
On Account of Duties on Tonnage, for Supporting the Lighthouse at Cape Henlopen, — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,015	14 5
On Account of the £3,000, appropriated for removing Indian Discontents, — — — — — — — — — — — —	3	9 0
On Account of the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be destroyed according to Law — — — — — — — — — —	9,646	1 7¾
On Account of the £15,000, granted for the Defence of the City of Philadelphia, per Act passed March 9, 1771,	2,776	1 8½
On Account of the £5,000, appropriated for defraying Indian Treaties, per Act passed May 14, 1762, — — —	331	12 3
On Account of the £5,000, appropriated for purchasing Ground adjoining the State-house Lot, per Act passed May 14, 1762, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	998	10 8
On Account of the £25,000, granted for Support of Government, per Act passed March 21, 1772, — — — — — —	13,095	15 10
On Account of the £4,000, appropriated for Support of his Majesty's Troops in Quarters, &c. per Act passed March 21, 1772, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,140	15 9½
On Account of the £12.000, issued per Act of Assembly passed the 26th of February last, — — — — — — —	4,965	0 0
	£35,058	12 5¾

Which Sum of £35,058 12 5¾ we have carefully counted.

WE have received of the Treasurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit, Part of the £14,000, issued per Act of Assembly passed February 1769, the Sum of — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 510 15 6
Which Sum we have burnt and destroyed according to Law.

WE have likewise received of the Treasurer appointed by the Commissions elected by Virtue of the Act passed in the 9th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled, "An Act for Regulating, Pitching, Paving and Cleansing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, &c. of the City of Philadelphia."—the Sum of Two Hundred and Ten Pounds being Part of the Second Year's Payment of the Eight Thousand Pounds, Part of the Fifteen Thousand Pounds raised by Act of Assembly, passed the 9th of March, 1771, which Two Hundred and Ten Pounds, being of the Bills of Credit of the last mentioned Act, we have burnt and destroyed according to Law. £ 210 0 0

The remaining Sum of the Eight Hundred Pounds required to be sunk according to Law, is mostly collected, and remains in his Hands ready to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit.

THE Amount of the Paper Bills of Credit, burnt and destroyed in the Presence of the Committee of Assembly this Year, is — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £32,482 9 11

Viz.

On Account of the Quotas received by Samuel Preston Moore on the Mortgages in his Hands on Behalf of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office — — — — — — — — —	£	533 15 0
On Account of the Provincial Taxes — £20,005 18 8		
On Account of ditto, the Balance of the Parliamentary Grants, reported last Year in the Treasurer's Hands, — — 2,078 14 9		
On Account of Negro Duty — — — — 229 6 7		
		22,314 0 0
On Excise, as follows, viz.		
Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly passed May 20, 1767, Part of the £20,000, — — — — — — — — £ 992 0 0		
Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, Part of the £16,000, — — — — — — 4,806 4 0		
Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly passed March 9, 1771, Part of the £7,000, in the said Act mentioned, — — — — — — — — — — 1,074 5 5		
Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed the 21st of March, 1772, Part of the £25,000, — 2,041 10 0		
		8,913 19 5
On Account of the £14,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit of that Emission, — — — — — — — —		510 15 6
On Account of the £8,000, Part of the £15,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed the 9th of March, 1771, in Bills of Credit of that Emission, received of the Treasurer appointed by the City Commissioners, as before-mentioned, — — — — — — — — — — — — —		210 0 0
		£32,482 9 11

DEBTS OUTSTANDING, *due to the Province*, viz.

On Account of the Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

FROM Philadelphia County on the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — —	£	160	18	0			
on the 16th ditto — — —		4,724	9	4¼			
					£	4,885	7 4¼
Bucks County on the 15th ditto —	£	8	6	3			
on the 16th ditto — — —		493	14	6½			
						502	0 9½
Chester County on the 15th ditto	£	136	12	2½			
on the 16th ditto — — —		1,760	1	0¼			
						1,896	13 2¾
From Lancaster County on the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax,						1,304	6 0½
York County on the 10th ditto —	£	455	14	7¼			
on the 12th ditto — — —		181	10	6			
on the Estates of Non-residents, — — — — —		340	11	6½			
on the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — — — — — —		562	13	7			
						1,540	10 2¾
Cumberland County on the 10th, 11th and 12th ditto — — —	£	425	10	4			
on the 13th ditto — — —		432	10	6½			
on the 14th ditto — — —		401	3	6			
on the 15th ditto — — —		437	3	11			
on the 16th ditto — — —		809	11	7½			
						2,505	19 11
Berks County on the 16th ditto — — — — — —						101	4 1
The Honourable the Proprietaries, exclusive of their Taxes in several of the Counties not brought in, — — — — —						921	18 10½

On Account of Excise, *viz.*

From the Estate of Joseph Stretch, deceased, late Collector for Philadelphia County, — — — — — — — — — —	£	320	12	7½			
William Crispin, present Collector —		543	14	11			
Sebastian Graaff, Collector for Lancaster, — — — — — — — — — —		331	12	5			
Henry Miller, Collector for York, —		101	0	0			
Thomas Beard, Collector for Cumberland, remains unsettled.							
The Estate of Jasper Scull, late Collector for Berks, the Balance as reported last Year, — — — —		135	10	2			
John Biddle, present Collector for Berks, — — — — — — — — —		94	8	0			
Jesse Jones, Collector for Northampton, — — — — — — — —		25	7	0			
						1,552	5 1½

Also,

Thomas Coombe, Collector of the Duties on Negro and Mulatto Slaves, — —	£	9	11	7			
Samuel Penrose's Balance of Rent of the Province Island — — — — — — —		252	4	2			
The Commissioners appointed by Law for Supporting the Light-house at Cape Henlopen, — — — — — — — — —		52	4	4½			
						314	0 1½

Besides the following Debts, reported last year, *viz.*

From The Commissioners appointed by Law for Clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill, — — — — — —	£	22	0	7½			
The Estate of Richard Pearne, deceased, — — — — — — —		1,818	5	11			
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£	1,840	5	18½	£	15,524	5 9¼

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£ 1,840 5 18½	£15,524 5 9¼
The Commissioners of the Indian Trade, — — — — — — — — —	3,056 5 3	4,896 11 9½
		£20,420 17 6¼

WE find by the Report of the Committee of Accounts, the 17th Day of September, 1772, no regular Adjustment of the Provincial Tax for Bedford County was then brought in, or any Monies paid into the Provincial Treasury on Account of said Tax. Since which no Account of the Provincial Tax of said County for the last or present Year (the Account of the Honourable the Proprietaries excepted) has been exhibited, or any Money paid on Account thereof.

The Treasurer of the County of Northumberland hath not exhibited any Account of the Provincial Tax of that County, or paid any Money into the Provincial Treasury on that Account.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the House, by September the 27th, 1773.

SAMUEL RHOADS, THOMAS MIFFLIN,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS, ISAAC PEARSON."
SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 28, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Krewsen* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor, and request to know at what Time it will be convenient to his Honour to meet the House in the Council-Chamber, to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Assent, and that he would be pleased to appoint some Gentlemen of the Council to assist the Members of the House in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Morton* do meet the Members of the Council to collate the engrossed Bills.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia*, for extending hither such Parts of the Statutes of Bankruptcy passed in *England*, as are best adapted to the Circumstances of this Province, was again taken into Consideration, and is hereby particularly recommended to the serious Attention of the next Assembly.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from *John Cuthbert* and *Caleb Swazey*, praying the Aid of the Legislature to supply some Defects in their Titles to Lands, occasioned from the Loss of certain Deeds destroyed by

Fire, and other Accidents, and ordered that the said Petitions be earnestly recommended to the Notice of the next House.

The Committee for Incidental Expences reported a List of the Accounts and Salaries of the past Year, which were taken into Consideration by the House, and a Motion being made for raising the Salaries of the Assistant Judges of the Supreme Court, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the Allowance of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* to each of the said Judges shall be increased to *Two Hundred Pounds per Annum?*—

Carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hillegas,*	Mr. *Israel Jacobs,*
Mr. *Rhoads,*	Mr. *Roberts,*
Mr. *Shoemaker,*	Mr. *Parker,*
Mr. *Ross,*	Mr. *Gray,*
Mr. *Webb,*	Mr. *Mifflin,*
Mr. *Ewing,*	Mr. *Foulke,*
Mr. *Pope,*	Mr. *Rodman,*
Mr. *Allen,*	Mr. *Krewsen,*
Mr. *Biddle,*	Mr. *Brown,*
Mr. *Chreist,*	Mr. *Chapman,*
Mr. *Hunter.*	Mr. *Ellicot,*
	Mr. *Humphreys,*
	Mr. *Pearson,*
	Mr. *Morton,*
	Mr. *John Jacobs,*
	Mr. *Minshall,*
	Mr. *Ferree,*
	Mr. *Edmonds.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would be in the Council-Chamber at Half after Twelve o'Clock To-day, in order to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Assent, and would immediately appoint a Member of Council to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Morton* do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills after they are passed into Laws, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

The Members appointed to assist in collating the engrossed Bills, reported they had done the same according to Order, and found them to agree.

A MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary.*

"SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House, to enact into Laws the Bills to which he has given his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that they had waited on his Honour, and presented three Bills, respectively entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*;" —"*An Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colonies*;"—and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Samuel Sweet, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* Thomas Bamford, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Lancaster *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*;" —to which several Bills the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent, by enacting the same into Laws.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Northampton* County, for an additional Representative in Assembly; and, after some Debate, referred the said Petition to the Consideration of the succeeding House.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions of *Matthew Clarkson, John Morris, James Trueman, Richard Mason* and *Joshua Humphreys* were again read, and being severally put to the Vote, it was resolved, by a great Majority, that the said *Joshua Humphreys* be, and he is hereby accordingly appointed the Officer for putting in Execution the Act, entituled, "*An Act to prevent the Exportation of bad and unmerchantable Staves, Heading, Boards and Timber.*"

Upon a second Reading of the Petition from *John Biddle*, of the Town of *Reading*, and the Question put,

Resolved, That the said *John Biddle* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Berks*, till a new Nomination to the said Office be made by the next Assembly.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Laws just passed, and to deposite the said Laws in the Rolls Office, reported the same had been done according to Order.

The House resumed the Consideration of the List of Incidental Expences, which being examined, and the Accounts, therein referred to, allowed by the House, Mr. Speaker, in

the Chair, signed the several Orders and Certificates for Payment of the Wages of the Members and their Committees, together with the Salaries of public Officers, and other contingent Charges of the past Year; a List whereof is hereunto annexed.

The House then adjourned to the Thirtieth Instant.

INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1773.

TO the Honourable *JOHN PENN*, Esq; Governor, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £	600	0	0
To *RICHARD PENN*, Esq; late Governor, —	1,000	0	0
To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq.; his Salary as Agent for this Province in *Great-Britain*, £400 Sterling, Exchange 67½ *per Cent*, — —	670	0	0
To *William Allen*, Esq; Chief-Justice of this Province, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	200	0	0
To *John Lawrence*, Esq; one of the Assistant-Judges, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	150	0	0
To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; ditto, — — — — —	150	0	0
To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for Extra Services to the House —— — — — — —— — — —	75	0	0
To *Andrew Allen*, Esq; Attorney-General, — —	75	0	0
To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of public Accounts, 22 Days, at 10*s. per Diem*, — — — — — — — — — — —	11	0	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for ditto, 24 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	12	0	0
To *Samuel Shoemaker*, Esq; for ditto, 18 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9	0	0
To *Thomas Mifflin*, Esq; for ditto, 11 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	5	10	0
To Isaac Pearson, Esq; for ditto, 24 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	12	0	0
To *Benjamin Chapman*, Esq; for ditto, 10 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	5	0	0
To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of the House, and for transcribing and engrossing Laws, Votes, Messages *&c. &c. &c.*	195	7	0
To *Joseph Shippen*, Esq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, — — — — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
To ditto, for Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations, *&c.* and for Stationary for the Governor and Council, — — — — — — — — — — —	13	6	3
To ditto, for Postage of public Letters. — — —	3	18	5

To ditto, for *Indian* Expences, — — — — — — —	25	15	9
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; his Salary as Barrack-Master, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	60	0	0
To *William Bowsman*, ditto as ditto at *Lancaster*, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20	0	0
To Mr. *Abel Evans*, for his Services as Assistant-Clerk to the House, — — — — — —	30	0	0
To the Estate of Mr. *David Hall*, deceased, for Stationary for the House, — — — — — —	4	10	0
To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c. &c.* — — — — — — —	62	7	6
To Messrs. *Franklin* and *Hall*, for sundry Sets of the three first Volumes of the Minutes of Assembly formerly published, — — — —	179	11	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for his Account of *Indian* Expenses, — — — — — — — — — —	82	5	8
To *Edmund Physick*, Esq; Keeper of the Great Seal, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10	7	0
To Mr. *David Rittenhouse*, for his Account of Services, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	41	15	11
To *Abraham Bitting*, for his Trouble and Expences in pursuing Persons suspected of counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Province,	15	4	2
To Mr. *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the State-house Clock, — — — — — — — — — —	20	15	0
To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for Postage of public Letters, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1	3	0
To the Managers of the House of Employment, for the Maintenance of *Catharine Smith*, —	75	0	0
To Mr. *Henry Miller*, for printing the Votes and Proceedings of the House, — — — — — —	77	8	0
To *William Parr*, Esq; for Recording of Laws,	13	10	4
To Mr. *Robert Levers*, his Account of *Indian* Expences, — — — — — — — — — — — —	10	9	9
To the Estate of Doctor *Phineas Bond*, deceased, for his Account of Medicines and Attendance to the *French* Neutrals, — — — —	175	4	0
To *John Logan*, a *Six Nation Indian*, for his Loss in the Province Service, — — — — —	18	0	0
To *Andrew M'Nair*, for his Attendance as Doorkeeper to the House, — — — — — — —	19	4	8
To *William Sheed*, his Salary as Serjeant at Arms to the House — — — — — — — — —	10	0	0

To ditto, as Doorkeeper to the Council, — — —	3	15	0
To *George Gray*, Esq; for his Service on the Committee for inspecting the Assessments from the different Counties of the Provincial Tax, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6	0	0
To *Joseph Ellicott*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, —	2	0	0
To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, —	1	10	0
To *James Webb*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, — —	6	10	0
To *John Pope*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, — —	7	0	0
To *William Edmonds*, Esq; for ditto on ditto,	7	0	0
To *John Sellers*, Esq; for his Services in exploring and levelling for the Purpose of inland Navigation, — — — — — — — — —	6	15	0
To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; for ditto, and the Expences of the Company during the above Service, — — — — — — — — — — — —	81	18	0
To the Superintendants of the State-house, for sinking Pumps, and for Fire-buckets for the Use of the said House, — — — — — — — —	90	2	3
To *Jacob Snair*, for his Account of *Indian* Expences, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10	0	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for superintending the Transcript of the public Accounts, and for other Extra Services to the House, — — —	20	0	0
	£4,412	3	8

We, the Committee for Incidental Expences, have examined the Accounts above mentioned, and find them justly charged.

Philadelphia,

September 28, 1773. THOMAS MIFFLIN, JOHN MORTON, WILLIAM RODMAN, GEORGE ROSS."

October 14, 1773.

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1773, *P. M.*

BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the several Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to serve

in Assembly as Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, for the ensuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*
Henry Pawling,
Michael Hillegas,
Joseph Parker,
Israel Jacobs,
George Gray,
Samuel Rhoads,
Jonathan Roberts,
Samuel Miles.

For the City of *Philadelphia.*
Thomas Mifflin,
Benjamin Franklin.

For the County of *Bucks.*
Joseph Ellicott,
John Foulke,
John Brown,
Henry Krewsen,
Peter Shepherd,
Joseph Galloway.
Benjamin Chapman,
William Rodman.

For the County of *Chester.*
Isaac Pearson,
Benjamin Bartholomew,
John Jacobs,
Charles Humphreys,
John Morton,
James Gibbons,
John Minshall,
Joseph Pennock.

For the County of *Lancaster.*
Joseph Ferree,
James Webb,
George Ross,
Matthias Slough.

For the County of *York.*
James Ewing,
John Pope.

For the County of *Cumberland.*
William Allen,
John Montgomery.

For the County of *Berks.*
Edward Biddle,
Henry Chreist.

For the County of *Northampton.*
William Edmonds.

For the County of *Bedford.*
George Woods.

For the County of *Northumberland.*
Samuel Hunter.

For the County of *Westmoreland.*
William Thompson.

A Quorum of the Representatives being met, they proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; was chosen Speaker for the ensuing Year, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that, pursuant to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Representatives being met, have proceeded to chuse a Speaker for the ensuing Year, and request to know at what Hour Tomorrow his Honour will be pleased to receive the House, that they may present their Speaker for his Approbation.

The Members return, and report they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased

to say, he would be in the Council-Chamber at Eleven o'Clock To-morrow, to receive The House with their Speaker.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 15, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message *by* Mr. *Secretary.*

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, in order to receive the House with their Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor in the Council-Chamber; and being returned, the Speaker, resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Honour, and presented their Speaker, of whom his Honour had been pleased to approve, and that he (the Speaker) had then, in the Name and on Behalf of the House, claimed their usual Privileges, *viz.*

First, That the Members of the House, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propositions and Debates.

Secondly, That they may at all seasonable Times have free Access to the Governor, the better to enable them to discharge the Business of the Public.

Thirdly, That their Persons and Estates may be free from all Manner of Arrests, Molestations and Injuries during the Time of accustomed Privilege.

Fourthly, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the House, until the same shall be passed into a Resolve, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

Fifthly, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be execused and not imputed to the House, but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and of reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charter of the said Province, and that the Governor was pleased to say, "They were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, in which they might always rely on his Protection."

The Qualification by Law appointed to be taken by Members of Assembly, and the Test of Abjuration being prepared,

were then taken and subscribed, first by Mr. Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards by the Members present in their Order.

The House then proceeding as usual to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the ensuing Year,

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk of this House for the ensuing Year. And he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Abel Evans* be, and he is hereby appointed Assistant-Clerk to the House for the ensuing Year. And he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this House for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Door-Keeper to this House for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Owen Jones*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Province for the ensuing Year.

Sundry Petitions from *Elisha Jones, John Sellers, Jesse Bonsal, Thomas Welsh, Joel Baily, Thomas Tucker, Jonathan Coates, James Marshall* and *Richard Thomas*, all of the County of *Chester*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed to the Office of Collector of Excise for the said County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Benjamin Pearson*, of the Town of *Reading*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Berks*.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Resolved, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Morton* with the Speaker, be a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee of Aggrievances for the ensuing Year; and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, as Occasions require.

Resolved, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and other public Accounts for the ensuing Year, and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers and Records by the Serjeant at Arms to this House, in order

that the said Accounts be fully adjusted and made ready to be laid before the House on the first Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

Resolved, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Allen*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise and correct the Minutes of this House for the ensuing Year before they are printed.

Resolved, That the said Minutes of the Proceedings of this House be printed and published weekly, being first revised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

Resolved, That if any four Members, upon the Decision of a Question, shall desire to have the Yeas and Nays, with the Names of the Members, entered on the Minutes of the House, it shall be allowed.

Resolved, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province, to solicit and transact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*.

Resolved, That *Joseph Fox*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *William Bowsman*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, be and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master, for the ensuing Year, of the Barracks in the said Borough.

Resolved, That *William Crispin*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Philadelphia* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *John Woolston* be, and he is hereby appointed the Collector of Excise in the County of *Bucks* for the ensuing Year.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions of *Elisha Jones*, *John Sellers*, *Jesse Bonsal*, *Thomas Welsh*, *Joel Baily* and *Thomas Tucker* were again read, and being severally put to the Vote, it was, by a great Majority,

Resolved, That the said *Thomas Tucker*, be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Chester* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Sebastian Graaff* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Lancaster* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Henry Miller* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *York* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *John Biddle* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Berks* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Jesse Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Northampton* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Thomas Urie* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Bedford* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *James Kincaid* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Westmoreland* for the ensuing Year.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; on public Affairs, dated *London*, the Third of *August* last, which was read by Order.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down printed Copies of three Acts of Parliament lately passed, relating to the *American* Colonies, also the Reports of the Lords of the Committee of his Majesty's Privy Council on two Acts of General Assembly of this Province, passed *March* 21, 1772, which have been disallowed by the Crown, together with the Instruments under the Privy Seal for Repealing the same, which were read by Order, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

At the COURT *at* ST. JAMES'S, *the* 7th *Day of* April, 1773.

PRESENT,

The KING'S MOST EXCELLENT *MAJESTY*

LORD PRESIDENT,	EARL of ROCHFORD,
EARL of SUFFOLK,	EARL of DARTMOUTH,
EARL of SANDWICH,	LORD MANSFIELD.

WHEREAS there was this Day read at the Board a Representation from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs upon consideraing Thirty Acts passed in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in *March* and *September*, 1772; which Report is dated this Day, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

"Your Majesty having been pleased by your Order in Council of the 15th of *January* last, to refer to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations Thirty Acts passed in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in *March* and *September*, 1772, with Directions to them to make their Report thereupon to this Committee, which Acts are entituled, as follows, *viz.*

1. "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"—Passed the 21st of *March*, 1772.

2. "*An Act for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants.*"—Passed ditto.

3. "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens, *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.*"—Passed ditto.

4. "*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford *into a separate County.*"—Passed ditto.

5. "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Persons distraining the same, for the better Security of Rents, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

6. "*An Act for the Relief of* William Faries, John Gillard, Charles Hicks *and* John Reynolds, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* William Bennet *and* Faelix M'Cowan, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* York *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*"—Passed ditto.

7. "*An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks."—Passed ditto.

8. "*An Act for regulating Chimney Sweepers within the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Township of the* Northern Liberties."—Passed ditto.

9. "*An Act to enable the Commissioners therein named to settle the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery set up and drawn for repairing the Meeting-house, and Building, or repairing the House for the Residence of the Minister of the* Presbyterian *Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to sue for, and recover such Sums of Money as remain due and unpaid on Account of the said Lottery.*"—Passed ditto.

10. "*An Act for the safe keeping and preserving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks."—Passed ditto.

11. "*An Act for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money from the Persons therein named.*"—Passed ditto.

12. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Advancement of Justice, and more certain Administration thereof.*"—Passed ditto.

13. "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province.*"—Passed ditto.

14. *"An Act for the more easy Recovery of Legacies."*—Passed ditto.

15. *"An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Meadow-Land, situate in the Borough of* Chester, *in the County of* Chester, *to keep their Dams, Banks, Sluices and Floodgates in good Repair."*—Passed ditto.

16. *"An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise of Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in the Collecting and Paying the said Excise."*—Passed ditto.

17. *"An Act for explaining and better ascertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of* Bedford."—Passed ditto.

18. *"An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather."*—Passed ditto.

19. *"An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, situate in* Frederick *Township, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Perkiomen *Copper-Mine Tract, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."*—Passed ditto.

20. *"An Act for the Relief of such Persons as conscientiously scruple the taking of an Oath in the common Form."*—Passed ditto.

21. *"An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Four Thousand Pounds, *for the Purposes therein mentioned."*—Passed ditto.

22. *"A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act against Adultery and Fornication."*—Passed ditto.

23. *"An Act to dissolve the Marriage of* George Keehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Elizabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again."*—Passed ditto.

24. *"An Act for confirming the Estates of* John Pawling, Joseph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler *and* Andrew Heizer *in and to certain Lands in the County of* Philadelphia."—Passed ditto.

25. *"An Act to enable the Owners of the Lands, called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the Township of* Bristol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch through the said Swamp, and to raise Money to defray the Expence thereof."*—Passed ditto.

26. *"An Act for confirming the Estate of* Samuel Phipps *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Goshen, *in the County of* Chester."—Passed Ditto.

27. *"An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with*

the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province."—Passed ditto.

28. "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Adam Simon Kuhn *in and to a certain Lot of Ground, with the Buildings thereon, in the Borough of* Lancaster, *one of the Title-Deeds whereof is lost.*"—Passed ditto.

29. "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries.*"—Passed ditto.

30. "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.*"——Passed the 19th of *September*, 1772.

"The said Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, pursuant to your Majesty's afore-mentioned Order in Council, have made the following Report to this Committee;

"That as these Laws are in their general Objects and Provisions confined to such Matters as relate merely to the internal Police and Government of the Colony, and do not affect the Trade and Commerce of *Great-Britain*, or the Interests or Authority of the Crown, the said Lords Commissioners see no Reason why they may not be recommended to your Majesty for Approbation; but at the same Time observe, that the Act, No. 30, for the Support of Government, the Acts No. 3 and 6, for the Relief of insolvent Debtors, and the Act, No. 27, for naturalizing *William Hembell*, do contain the like Clauses and Provisions with Acts passed for similar Purposes, stated in Reports of the said Lords Commissioners of the 20th of *July*, 1770, and the 13th of *April*, 1772, to which they refer, and submit what Advice may be proper to be given to your Majesty thereupon.

That they have also had under Consideration the Act, No. 23, for dissolving the Marriage of *George Keehmle*, which appear to require particular Attention;——that the dissolving Marriages by Acts of Legislature, though not altogether without Example, is a Power which has been rarely and recently assumed in your Majesty's Colonies in *America*; that the first Instance they find of such a Power in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, was in the Case of an Act passed in the Year 1769, for dissolving the Marriage of *Curtis Grubb* with *Ann*, his Wife, and to enable him to marry again;——that as this Act appeared to be of a new and extraordinary Nature, and as they conceived, that it is of very great Importance that Care should be taken that the Assemblies in your Majesty's Colonies do not assume the Exercise of Powers beyond what the Nature and Principles of the Constitution admit, the said Lords Commissioners thought fit to make a special Reference

of this Act to Mr. *Jackson*, one of your Majesty's Counsel at Law, who had reported, that he was inclined to be of Opinion, the same was not repugnant to the Laws of *England*, but as near as might be, agreeable to the same, the Situation and Circumstances of that Province as well as of the other Colonies considered, because the Laws of this Kingdom gave Validity to Marriages celebrated according to the Rites and Ceremonies established by the respective Laws not only of the Colonies, Parcel of the Dominions of *Great-Britain*, but by the Laws of foreign States; and that it seems as reasonable, and as little inconvenient to give Faith to the Dissolution of that Contract under an equivalent Sanction;—that it is true, that although he conceived an Act of Assembly establishing a Mode of celebrating Marriage different from the legal Forms of this Kingdom, would, if not disallowed by his Majesty, be good in Point of Law, yet he could not but presume, that such Act would be disallowed, in Case there did not appear sufficient Ground for the Alteration established, and therefore if he had not thought the Power of Dissolution very expedient in general, and the particular Case a proper one for the Exercise of that Power, he should have thought the Act ought to have been disallowed but he observed it was evident that the Marriage of Persons residing in the Colonies can hardly be dissolved unless by their own respective Assemblies, and it certainly appeared that in the present Case the Assembly had properly exercised the Power, which he was inclined to think they ought to be entrusted with, but inasmuch as the Exercise of this Power might frequently affect other Parts of your Majesty's Dominions out of the Limits of the Province, and very important Consequences might therefore be drawn from the Allowance of such an Act, he begged Leave to advise that the said Act be referred to the Consideration of his Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General;—that in Consequence of this Report, the said Lords Commissioners lost no Time in referring the said Act to your Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General for their Opinion in Point of Law, whether the Legislature of the Province of *Pennsylvania* had any Authority to pass a Law of sufficient Force and Validity to bind the Parties in the Case to which the said Law referred; but as they have not made any Return to that Reference, and as the Legislature of *Pennsylvania* have again, in the present Instance, passed another Act for the like Purpose, it became their Duty no longer to withhold the submitting this Matter to Consideration, to the End that if it shall be thought that Acts of Divorce in the Plantations, more especially in Cases where there

does not appear to have been any Suit instituted in any Ecclesiastical Court, nor any Verdict previously obtained in a Court of Common Law, are either improper or unconstitutional, your Majesty may be advised to give such Directions as shall have the Effect to prevent the Laws passed by the Legislature of *Pennsylvania*, becoming a Precedent and Example for the Exercise of the like Powers in other Colonies.

"The Lords of the Committee, upon Consideration thereof, do agree humbly to represent to your Majesty as their Opinion, that with respect to the afore-mentioned Act, No. 23, entituled, "*An Act to dissolve the Marriage of* George Keehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Elizabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again,*" it may be adviseable for your Majesty to adjudge and declare, under your Privy Seal, the said Act to be void;—that with respect to the Act, No. 27, entituled, "*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province,*" the Lords of the Committee have thought proper to reserve the Consideration thereof to a further Time. And as to all the rest of the said Acts, that it may be adviseable for your Majesty to permit and allow them to continue in Force according to their own Limitation.

"His Majesty taking the said Report into Consideration, is pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to approve thereof, and having adjudged and declared void the aforementioned Act, No. 23, "*for dissolving the Marriage of* George Keehmle," his Majesty hath thought proper to direct the Lord Privy Seal to prepare and pass, under the Privy Seal, a proper Instrument signifying such his Majesty's Adjudication and Declaration of the said Act to be void: And as to all the Rest of the said Acts, except the said Act, No. 27, (the further Consideration whereof is reserved) his Majesty is hereby pleased to permit, and allow them to continue in Force, according to their own Limitation; and the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, their Lieutenant or Deputy Governor, and the Assembly of the said Province, and likewise all others, whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

STEPH. COTTRELL."

GEORGE the THIRD, *by the Grace of* GOD, *of* Great-Britain, France, *and* Ireland, *King Defender of the Faith, and so forth,*

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING.

WHEREAS in Pursuace *(sic)* of the Powers granted to the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania* by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, the Lieutenant Governor under the Proprietaries and Representatives of the Freemen of the said Province in General Assembly, did, in *March* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, pass an Act, which hath been transmitted to our Privy Council, and is entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act to dissolve the Marriage of* George Keehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Elizabeth, *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again*;"—NOW KNOW YE, That We having taken the said Act into our Royal Consideration, together with a Report made thereupon by the Lords of the Committee of our Privy Council for Plantation Affairs, do, by and with the Advice of our said Privy Council, hereby adjudge and declare void all the said Act, which said Act is declared void by these Presents. And these our Letters Patent shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge in this Behalf.

Given under our Privy Seal, at our Palace of Westminster, *the Twenty-seventh Day of* April, *in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign.*

Examined, PURBECK LANGHAM."

At the COURT *at* St. James's *the 19th Day of* May, 1773.

PRESENT,

The KING's most excellent *MAJESTY*,

Lord PRESIDENT,	Earl of BRISTOL,
Duke of QUEENSBURY,	Earl of POMFRET,
Duke of ANCASTER, *(sic)*	Viscount FALMOUTH,
Lord CHAMBERLAIN,	Lord EDGCUMBE,
Earl of DENBIGH,	Lord HYDE,
Earl of SANDWICH,	

JAMES STUART MACKENSEY, Esq;

WHEREAS there was this Day read at the Board a Representation from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs, upon an Act passed in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in *March* 1772, for naturalizing *William Hembell*, which Representation is dated this Day, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

"Your Majesty having been pleased, by your Order in Council of the 15th of *January* last, to refer to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations several Acts passed in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, and amongst others an Act

passed there in *March*, 1772, entituled, "*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*,"—the said Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, pursuant to your Majesty's aforementioned Order of Reference, have reported to this Committee that this Act contains the like Clauses and Provisions with an Act passed for similar Purposes stated in a Report of the said Lords Commissioners of the 13th of *April* 1772, to which they refer and submit what Advice may be proper to be given to your Majesty thereupon. And the Lords of the Committee having thought proper to refer this Matter to your Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General to consider thereof, and report to this Committee their Opinion, whether the Exercise of such Powers by the Legislature of the Province of *Pennsylvania* be not repugnant to the Act of Parliament passed in the 13th Year of King *George* the Second, entituled, "*An Act for naturalizing such foreign Protestants, and others therein mentioncd, as are settled or shall settle in any of his Majesty's Colonies in* America," and to the several Acts of Parliament passed in this Kingdom for regulating the Plantation Trade:—Your Majesty's said Attorney and Solicitor General have accordingly reported to this Committee, that there is nothing in the Act which is repugnant to the Act of the 13th of King *George* the Second, but they are of Opinion, that the Privileges which this Act offers to confer, are considerably more extensive than any Provincial Assembly hath Authority to give;—that it hath been doubted whether the Parliament of *Ireland*, which is a Kingdom, and of great Antiquity, could naturalize to any Effect, and proved irrefragably that it could not give, as this Act imports, all the Privileges of a natural-born Subject in any other Place than that Island—the Doubt was conceived upon this, that the King cannot naturalize; and their Power is derived from his Majesty's Charter; and it had never been used before the 10th of King *Charles* the First; which Objections apply much more distinctly, in Point of Fact and History, to the *American* Colonies;—but supposing they are thought competent to naturalize to Effects merely local, and which do not interfere with the Laws of *Great-Britain*, the Act now under Consideration is exceptionable, because it purports to give all the Qualities of a natural-born Subject of *Great-Britain*, and particularly the Liberty of Trading contrary to the Plantation Act.

"The Lords of the Committee upon Consideration of what is above stated in the Report of your Majesty's Attorney and

Solicitor General, do agree humbly to represent to your Majesty as their Opinion, that it may be adviseable for your Majesty to adjudge and declare, under your Privy Seal, the aforementioned Act for naturalizing *William Hembell* to be void.

"His Majesty taking the said Representation into Consideration, is pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to approve thereof, and having adjudged and declared void the aforementioned Act passed in *Pennsylvania*, in *March*, 1772, entituled, "*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*," —his Majesty hath thought proper to direct the Lord Privy Seal to prepare and pass under the Privy Seal a proper Instrument signifying such his Majesty's Adjudication and Declaration of the said Act to be void.—And the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, their Lieutenant or Deputy Governor, and the Assembly of the said Province, and likewise all others, whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

STEPH. COTTRELL."

GEORGE the THIRD, *by the Grace of* GOD, *of* Great-Britain, France, *and* Ireland, *King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth*,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING.

WHEREAS, in Pursuance of the Powers granted to the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania* by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal, in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, the Lieutenant Governor under the Proprietaries and Representatives of the Freemen of the said Province in General Assembly, did, in *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, pass an Act, which hath been transmitted to our Privy Council, and is entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Priviliges of a natural-born Subject of this Province:*"—NOW KNOW YE, That We having taken the said Act into our Royal Consideration, together with a Representation made thereupon by the Lords of the Committee of our Privy Council for Plantation Affairs, do, by and with the Advice of our said Privy Council, hereby adjudge and declare void all the said Act, which said Act is declared void by these Presents. And these our Letters shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge in this Behalf.

Given under our Privy Seal, at our Palace of Westminster, *the 8th Day of* June, *in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign.*

Examined, J. BELSON, Dep."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

October 16, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Slough* and Mr. *Biddle* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him the House incline to adjourn to *Monday*, the Twenty-ninth of *November* next, if his Honour hath no Objection thereto.

The House taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee on the unequal Assessment of Property in the several Counties of this Province, recommended over by the late Assembly,

Resolved, That this House will at their next Meeting take into serious Consideration the present Mode of assessing the Persons and Estates of the Inhabitants in the several Counties, and that they will at the same Time make such Regulations therein as shall be agreeable to Justice and Equity.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered the Message of the House according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Objection to the Adjournment proposed by the House.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Correspondence be a Committee to correspond with the other Committees appointed by the several Assemblies of the Colonies, and to lay before the House such Matters as they may receive from those Committees.

Ordered, That the said Committee do inform the Committees of the Assemblies of the other Colonies of their Appointment.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the 29th of *November* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

November 29, 1773.

MR. Speaker, with One and Twenty Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Twelve o'Clock To-morrow.

November 30, 1773.

The Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, agreeable to the Adjournment of Yesterday; and a Quorum being still wanting, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock Tomorrow Morning.

December 1, 1773.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Shepherd*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Pope* and Mr. *Chreist*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Mifflin* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, a Quorum of the Representatives are met in Pursuance of their last Adjournment, and ready to receive any Business his Honour may be pleased to lay before them.

A Petition from *Matthew Conard*, of the County of *Philadelphia*, Miller, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and branding Flour exported from the said County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House in the Forenoon, reported, they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Business at present to lay before them.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Report of a Committee referred over by the late Assembly, respecting the different Assessments of Property in the several Counties of this Province, together with the Resolve of this House of the Sixteenth of *October* last, relative to the Regulation of the said Assessments; and, after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 2, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Ross*, one of the Members for the County of *Lancaster*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

A Remonstrance from the Commissioners, Assessors and divers Freeholders of the County of *York*, respecting the Provincial Tax, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Christopher Hensell*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the different

Assessments of Property in the several Counties of this Province, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to report the Quantity of each Species of Property, as well real as personal, returned each Year from the several Counties of this Province, and enjoined by Law to be rated for sinking the Bills of Credit granted to the King's Use; or, at least, such of them as have been returned in the two or three first and last Years since the present Mode of Assessment has taken Place, (with the Sum total in Money that has been levied on the same each and every Year) or in any other intermediate Years, which they may think necessary for the better Information of the House.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 3, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed Yesterday to examine the Returns of Property from the several Counties of this Province, with the Rates laid on the same from Year to Year, reported they had made some Progress therein, and requesting that other Members may be joined with them for expediting the said Business, it was

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Krewsen*, Mr. *Shepherd*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Gibbons*, Mr. *Minshall*, *Mr. Ferree* and Mr. *Slough* be added to the said Committee.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 4, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Dennis Johnson*, of *Wrights-Town*, *Bucks* County, was presented to the House and read, praying the Aid of the Legislature, to supply a Defect in his Title to a certain Tract of Land, occasioned through the Want of a Deed lost with his Dwelling-house by Fire.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Trustees of the *Province Island* draw on the Provincial Treasurer for such Allowance as they may think necessary for the Support of *Dublin*, a Negro belonging to the Province, and a few Necessaries for an ancient *Indian*

Woman in *York* County, to be paid out of the Monies arising from the said Island.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

December 6, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *James Read*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and branding Flour exported from the said City. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

December 7, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House an Account from *Edmund Physick*, Esq; Receiver General, for the Purchase-Money, and other Expences attending the taking up 182½ Acres of Land, given by the Government to *Nicholas Tetamy*, an *Indian*, in Consideration of his Father's Services to the Province, amounting to *Twenty-two Pounds Five Shillings* and *Four-pence*;—and an Order for Payment thereof being signed by the Speaker,

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 8, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Sheriffs Returns of the respective Elections of *Samuel Hunter* and *William Thompson*, Esqrs. Representatives for the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*, being presented at the Table, were read by Order; and it appearing, that the Return from the County last-mentioned was not signed by the Sheriff, as is customary,

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor with the same, and enquire whether it was delivered to his Honour, or the Secretary, by the Sheriff of *Westmoreland* himself, as a true Return of the Member chosen to serve for the said County in this House for the ensuing Year.

The Members return and report, they had waited on the Governor, and delivered their Message according to Order; that they had been also with the Secretary, who informed them the Return, in Question, was brought down and delivered into his Hands by the Sheriff of *Westmoreland* himself; that, not having observed the Omission discovered by the House, he had received and filed the same in his Office as an authentic Return of Mr. *Thompson's* Election.

The said Member and Mr. *Hunter* being then qualified as usual, took their Seats in the House.

Mr. *Montgomery*, one of the Members for the County of *Cumberland*, this Day appearing, was also qualified in the usual Form, and took his Seat accordingly.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

December 9, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Joseph Mather*, of the County of *Philadelphia*, Miller, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and branding of Flour exported from the said County.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

December 10, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment; and the Committee appointed to examine the Returns of Property from the several Counties, with the Assessments thereon, reporting they had not fully compleated that Service, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 11, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and (the Committee not being ready to report on the Business before them) adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

December 13, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Sheriff's Return of the Election of *George Woods*, Esq; Representative for the County of *Bedford*, being produced at the Table, was read by Order.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented at the Clerk's Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Ease of Jurors, and better regulating of Juries*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 14, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *Woods*, the Member for *Bedford*, this Day appearing in the House, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House a Petition to his Honour from the Grand-Jury and divers others Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, with a written Message, which were read by Order, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

To the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; one of the Proprietaries, and Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, *&c.*

The PETITION of divers of the Inhabitants of *Northumberland* County, in the said Province,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners being seated in Consequence of regular Purchases from the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania* in the said County of *Northumberland*, within the known Limits and under the Protection of the Laws of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, have nevertheless been under the Necessity of combating and struggling with many Difficulties and Embarrassments of so alarming a Nature as scarce to be paralelled in the History of any civilized Country;—that the Colony of *Connecticut* sets up a Claim to the Lands seated, improved and rendered valuable by your Petitioners Labour, —happy might your Petitioners be, would those Claimants being their Pretensions to some Tribunal, whose Decision would equally bind both Parties, but with them Violence usurps the Place of Argument, and Force of legal Decision; —that about two Years ago a Number of your Petitioners were in an hostile Manner ousted out of their Possessions at *Wyoming*, and cruelly stripped and plundered of their Effects; that, not content with the Acquisition of *Wyoming*, and the Parts adjacent, sundry Attempts have been made to extend their Conquests—A large Body of armed Men from *Connecticut* in *June* last attempted to dispossess the Inhabitants of the West Branch of *Susquehanna*, and, though prevented, it was not without much Fatigue, Expence and great Danger of Bloodshed;—these People, lawless among themselves, afford an Asylum and secure Retreat to disorderly Persons not only of this Government, but of all the neighbouring Provinces, by which Accessions, and the constant Countenance of the Colony of *Connecticut*, their Numbers have of late greatly increased;—that the Avowal of their Intentions is uniformly the same, especially since the Account from *Connecticut* that "the Government has openly espoused their Cause, and taken them under their Protection."—Deplorable indeed must be the Situation of your Petitioners, if called on to defend by Force of Arms their infant Settlements against the Power of a whole Colony;—that the Consequence must be Ruin to their Fortunes and Families in their present distracted Situation;—as common Subjects of the Province, and intitled to the Protection of the Laws, your Petitioners cannot

help looking up to your Honour for the Aid of Government—they have hitherto maintained an unequal Contest—possessed of Property themselves, they have been obliged with Arms in their Hands to defend it against those who had no Property—subject themselves to Law, they have had to contend with those who refused Subjection to any Law, and have not been able to reduce them to Order, which is confessing a Weakness they can no longer conceal;—that the whole Posse of the County is not sufficient to enforce the Laws at *Wyoming*, and as the Inhabitants have not hitherto been able to prevent the Continuance of the *Connecticut* Intruders in that Part of the Province contrary to Law, and the repeated Proclamations of Government, they fear their utmost Efforts will not be sufficient to keep their Possessions without the Interposition and Protection of the Legislature, which therefore they implore, and from the known Clemency and Justice of the Administration, consider themselves as having Reason to expect. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A MESSAGE *from the Governor to the Assembly.*

GENTLEMEN,

'THE Distress of the Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, expressed in their Petition, which will be delivered to you by the Secretary, appear to be of a very alarming Nature, and justly to call for the particular Attention of this Government.

'The insolent Outrages of a Set of Men, who have long bid Defiance of the Laws of the Country, and have afforded Protection to the Offenders of the most heinous Kind, ought not certainly in a well regulated Society to be suffered to pass with Impunity; but when these Men embody themselves, sally forth with Arms in their Hands, and in a warlike Manner attempt to dispossess the peaceable Inhabitants of a County lately laid out and established by Act of Assembly, within the known Bounds of the Province, it is a Procedure of so dangerous a Tendency as not only to threaten the Destruction of that infant County, but strikes at the Peace of the whole Province.

'I think it, therefore, incumbent on me, Gentlemen, to recommend this Matter to your most serious Consideration, and to request you will fall upon such Measures as will strengthen the Hands of Government on this extraordinary and alarming Occasion, repel the Violence of those lawless Intruders, and afford the Petitioners that immediate Pro-

tection and Relief which their Necessities and Situation require.

December 14, 1773. *JOHN PENN.*'

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Returns of Property, and report the Rates laid on the several Species thereof, in the different Counties of this Province, reported a State of the said Assessments, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read by Order, was

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 15, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that as the Prevention of the many Dangers which may arise from the Importation of sickly Persons into this Province, hath frequently engaged the Care and Attention of the Legislature, divers Laws have been passed to effect so necessary a Purpose; but as after some Years Experience, they appear not fully to answer the End proposed, and the Danger of infectious Distempers being spread is justly apprehended every Year to increase:——The Petitioners therefore request that so interesting a Subject may be again considered, and such Alterations and Additions made to the Laws now in Force, as shall appear necessary, or that a new Law may be framed suitable to the present Circumstances of the Trade and Welfare of the Province.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Speaker of the Honourable House of Representatives of the Counties of *New-Castle*, *Kent* and *Sussex*, upon *Delaware*, dated the 25th of *October* last, inclosing, a Copy of certain Resolutions entered into by the said House of Representatives on the 23d of the same Month, which were read by Order, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

S I R, *New-Castle*, upon *Delaware*, *October* 25, 1773.

THE House of Representatives of the Freemen of the Counties of *New-Castle*, *Kent* and *Sussex*, upon *Delaware*, have the Honour to inclose you a Copy of certain Resolutions entered into by them on *Saturday*, the 23d Instant.

The Cause which gave Rise to these Resolves, and the Reasons on which they are founded, are so fully manifested, as well in the Resolves themselves, as in the Circular Letters

to the Speakers of the several Houses of Representatives of the *British* Colonies on this Continent from the Honourable Assemblies of *Virginia*, *Rhode-Island* and *Massachusetts Bay*, which this House rests assured you have received, that it seems unnecessary to add any Thing further on that Head.

As a Plan for abridging the *American* Colonies of *British* Liberties seems not only to have been advised and adopted, but steadily pursued by the *British* Ministry, the Mode pointed out for uniting our Counsels for our mutual Safety, appeared to this House to be wise and salutary, and was therefore chearfully embraced.

The very great Regard entertained for your Honourable Assembly, and an earnest Desire to be favoured with their Advice and Assistance in this general Cause, have induced this House to request that you will be pleased to lay their Resolves, as early as you can, before the Representatives for your Colony.

Signed by Order of the House,
CAESAR RODNEY, *Speaker.*"

COUNTIES ON *DELAWARE*,
In the HOUSE of *REPRESENTATIVES.*
Saturday, October 23, 1773.

On Motion of Mr. *Read*,
Ordered,

THAT the several Letters from the respective Speakers of the House of Burgesses in the Colony of *Virginia*, the House of Deputies in the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and the House of Representatives in the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, with the several Resolves inclosed, be read the second time.—— *Which was done accordingly.*

And the House taking the same into Consideration, resolved itself into a Grand Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kean* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kean* reported from the Committee, that they had directed him to make the following Report of the House, *viz.*

Whereas the Speaker of the late Assembly presented to the House several Letters, which he received during the Recess of the House; one from the truly patriotic House of Burgesses of His Majesty's ancient Dominion of *Virginia*, inclosing a Copy of certain Resolutions entered into by them on the Twelfth of *March* last; one from the Honourable House of Deputies of the Colony of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence* Plan-

tations, inclosing certain Resolutions entered into by them on the Seventh of *May* last; and one from the free and spirited House of Representatives of the Province of *Massachusetts Bay*, inclosing certain Resolutions entered into by them on the Twenty-eighth of *May* last, and requesting that a Committee of this House may be appointed to communicate from Time to Time with the corresponding Committees appointed by the said Assemblies, and named in their said respective Resolves.

And whereas this House is of Opinion, that the Measures adopted by the aforesaid Assemblies, and proposed to this, are very salutary and highly necessary at this Time, when the Rights and Liberties of all appear to be systematically invaded.

Resolved, That this House have a very grateful Sense of the Obligations they are under to the House of Burgesses in *Virginia*, for the Vigilance, Firmness and Wisdom which they have discovered at all Times in Support of the Rights and Liberties of the *American* Colonies, and do heartily concur with them in their said judicious and spirited Resolves.

Resolved, That a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed, to consist of Five Members, any Three of whom to be a Quorum, whose Business shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the *British* Parliament, or Proceedings of Administration, as may relate to, or affect, the *British* Colonies in *America*, and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important Considerations; and the Result of such their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before the House.

Resolved, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that they do, without Delay, inform themselves particularly of the Principles and Authority on which was constituted a Court of Enquiry held in *Rhode-Island*, said to be vested with Powers to transport Persons accused of Offences committed in *America* to Places beyond the Seas, to be tried.

Resolved, That the said Committee be further instructed to prepare and report to this House Draughts of very respectful Answers to the Letters above-mentioned; also a circular Letter to the Speakers of the several other Houses of Assembly on this Continent, inclosing the aforesaid Resolves, and requesting them to lay the same before their respective Assemblies, in Confidence that they will readily and chearfully comply with the well-concerted and wise Resolves of the House of Burgesses of *Virginia*.

To which said Resolves the House agreed,

Nemine Contradicente.

Then the House immediately made Choice of the following Gentlemen to be the Committee of Correspondence and Com munication with the other Colonies, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, *George Read, Thomas M'Kean, John McKinly* and *Thomas Robinson*, Esquires.

A true Copy. DAVID THOMPSON, *Clerk to the Assembly.*"

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the different Assessment of Property in the several Counties of this Province, which was again read by Order, and after some Debate thereon, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Debate of the Forenoon on the different Modes of assessing Property, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 16, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *John Burrows*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Mariner, indebted to sundry Persons in large Sums, which he is unable to pay, and therefore expects to be shortly confined in Gaol at the suit of some of his Creditors, was presented to the House and read, praying such Relief from the Legislature as may prevent the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Assessments of Property, and after further Debate thereon, the following Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.* Whether the Township Assessors shall, by the Bill now under Consideration, be deprived of the Power to join with the County Assessors in rating the Property of the Inhabitants?

Carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Pennock*,	Mr. *Israel Jacobs*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Ferree*,	Mr. *Gray*,
Mr. *Rhoads*,	Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Roberts*,
Mr. *Miles*,	Mr. *Pope*,	Mr. *Chapman*,
Mr. *Mifflin*,	Mr. *Allen*,	Mr. *Bartholomew*,
Mr. *Foulke*,	Mr. *Montgomery*,	Mr. *John Jacobs*,
Mr. *Brown*,	Mr. *Biddle*,	Mr. *Humphreys*,
Mr. *Krewfen*,	Mr. *Edmonds*,	Mr. *Minshall*,
Mr. *Pearson*,	Mr. *Woods*,	Mr. *Webb*,
Mr. *Morton*,	Mr. *Hunter*,	Mr. *Ross*,
Mr. *Gibbons*.	Mr. *Thompson*.	Mr. *Slough*.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Subject before them in the Forenoon, and, after a Debate thereon, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 17, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and, after further Debate on the Subject of Taxation, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Debate of the Forenoon; and, after some Time spent therein, the following Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.* Whether a Clause shall be inserted in the Bill to be brought in, enjoining that no Lands within this Province shall be rated at less than *Five Pounds* per Hundred Acres?

Carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS	NAYS.
Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Foulke*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Pearson*,
Mr. *Israel Jacobs*,	Mr. *Webb*,
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Ross*,
Mr. *Rhoads*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Roberts*,	Mr. *Pope*,
Mr. *Miles*,	Mr. *Allen*,
Mr. *Mifflin*,	Mr. *Montgomery*,
Mr. *Brown*,	Mr. *Biddle*.
Mr. *Krewsen*,	Mr. *Edmonds*,
Mr. *Chapman*,	Mr. *Woods*,
Mr. *Bartholomew*,	Mr. *Hunter*,
Mr. *John Jacobs*	Mr. *Thompson*.
Mr. *Humphreys*,	
Mr. *Morton*,	
Mr. *Gibbons*,	
Mr. *Minshall*,	
Mr. *Pennock*.	

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Fifty-five Thousand Pounds, *and for striking the same in Bills of Credit in the Manner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit by a Tax on all Estates real and personal, and Taxables within this Province.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 18, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *David Rittenhouse* and *Thomas Potts*, in Behalf of themselves and the other Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for making the River *Schuylkill* navigable, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that their Predecessors, the Commissioners appointed by a former Law, were enabled to receive Subscriptions from all Persons disposed to encourage the useful Undertaking for which they were appointed, and in Pursuance of their Duty, procured large Sums of Money to be subscribed by sundry People, who now neglect and refuse to pay the present Commissioners the several Sums, which by their Subscriptions they had engaged to pay, disputing their Power to compel them thereto:—The Petitioners therefore humbly pray the Honourable House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief as to them shall seem meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from the Commissioners for clearing and making the River *Schuylkill* more generally useful and navigable, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, in order to carry on the Service for which they were appointed, have procured Subscriptions, which already amount to near *One Thousand Pounds*, payable on Condition that the said Sum shall be completed by further Contributions, which the Petitioners soon hope to obtain;——that from a Survey made of the River, from *Reading* to the Tide-Water, they have been enabled to make an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the Work, and apprehend that *One Thousand Pounds* in Addition to what Money is likely to be raised by Subscription will be sufficient for the Purpose;——they therefore pray that the Honourable House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such further Sum as shall enable them to complete the Undertaking.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *Dennis Johnson*, with (sic) was again read by Order, and after some Debate thereon, the said Petition, with the Petitions from *Caleb Swazey* and *John Cuthbert*, of a similar Nature, were referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination and Enquiry.

The Petition of *Christopher Hensell*, an insolvent Debtor, was read the second time, and referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Grievances.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle* be added to the said Committee.

The House then adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

December 20, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Levi Hollingsworth*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and branding Flour exported from the said City. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, for an Amendment of the Laws of this Province for preventing the Importation of sickly Persons, and, after some Debate, referred the said Petition to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 21, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to their adjournment.

A Petition from *Daniel Andrews*, of *Amity* Township, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he is seized and possessed of two Tracts of Land in the said Township, one of them containing One Hundred and Fifty, the other Twenty-two Acres, granted by Patent, *Anno* 1701, to *Andrew Rudman*, but several of the Title-Deeds, *to wit*, the Deed from *Rudman* to *Andrew Scandal*, the Deed from *Andrew Scandal* to *Benjamin Burden*, the Deed from *Benjamin Burden* to *Henry Bell*, and the Deed from *Henry Bell to Andrew Foulke*, are (through the Inattention paid by Persons in the County to such Papers in those early Days) either lost or mislaid:—That the Petitioner is therefore under the Necessity of praying the Aid of the Legislature to supply the said Defect in his Title, by giving him Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion, and in Pursuance of the Recommendation from the late Assembly, the House took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 22, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of *Fifty-five Thousand Pounds*, &c. reported an Essay for that Purpose, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Fifty-five Thousand Pounds, *and for striking the same in Bills of Credit, in the Manner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit by a Tax on all Estates real and personal and Taxables within this Province,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House again took up the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, respecting the Danger of spreading infectious Diseases by the Importation of sickly Persons; and, after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Importation of sickly Persons, and the spreading of infectious Diseases in this Province.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition (presented to, and recommended over by, the late Assembly) of divers Merchants of the City of *Philadelphia*, for extending hither such Parts of the Statutes of Bankruptcy passed in *England*, as are best adapted to the Circumstances of this Province; and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to oblige the Assignees of insolvent Debtors to account, *&c. &c.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *John Burrows*, which was read, and after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 23, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Ellicott*, one of the Members for the County of *Bucks*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since his Election, was qualified in (sic) usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Woods* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation.*"

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 24, 1773.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Fifty-five Thousand Pounds, *and for striking the same in Bills of Credit, in the Manner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit, by a Tax on all Estates real and personal, and Taxables within this Province*," and after some Time spent therein, the following Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.* Whether in rating the improved Parts of Plantations the Allowance of Wood-land, for Fuel and Fencing, shall not exceed the Proportion of Thirty to One Hundred Acres?

Carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *John Jacobs*,	Mr. *Pope*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Humphreys*,	Mr. *Allen*,
Mr. *Israel Jacobs*,	Mr. *Gibbons*.	Mr. *Montgomery*,
Mr. *Roberts*,	Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Woods*,
Mr. *Miles*,	Mr. *Rhoads*,	Mr. *Hunter*,
Mr. *Ellicott*,	Mr. *Mifflin*,	Mr. *Thompson*.
Mr. *Foulke*,	Mr. *Morton*,	
Mr. *Brown*,	Mr. *Minshall*,	
Mr. *Chapman*,	Mr. *Webb*,	
Mr. *Rodman*,	Mr. *Ross*.	
Mr. *Pearson*.		

The said Bill having been read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs the Question was put by the Speaker, Whether the same shall be transcribed for a third Reading? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hillegas,*	Mr. *Foulke,*	Mr. *Pearson,*
Mr. *Parker,*	Mr. *Brown,*	Mr. *Webb,*
Mr. *Israel Jacobs,*	Mr. *Chapman,*	Mr. *Ross,*
Mr. *Gray,*	Mr. *Rodman,*	Mr. *Pope,*
Mr. *Rhoads,*	Mr. *John Jacobs,*	Mr. *Allen,*
Mr. *Roberts,*	Mr. *Humphreys,*	Mr. *Montgomery,*
Mr. *Miles,*	Mr. *Morton,*	Mr. *Woods,*
Mr. *Mifflin,*	Mr. *Gibbons,*	Mr. *Hunter,*
Mr. *Ellicott.*	Mr. *Minshall.*	Mr. *Thompson.*

The House then adjourned to *Wednesday* next, the 29th Instant, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

December 29, 1773.

Mr. Speaker, with Nineteen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 30, 1773.

The Speaker, with Twenty-one Members, met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night; and a Quorum being still wanting, they adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 31, 1773.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to the Adjournment of Yesterday; and one being yet wanting to complete a Quorum,

Ordered, That the Clerk do immediately give Notice by the Serjeant at Arms to Mr. *Gray* (the nearest absent Member) that his Attendance is required at Three o'Clock this Afternoon without Fail.

The Members present then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by Means of the many Dams erected on *Conestogoe* Creek, the Navigation is impeded, and the Fish altogether prevented from coming up the said Creek, to the great Loss of the Inhabitants near the same, which they conceive might be remedied by the Persons who have erected and own the said Dams, were they to make Slopes with Wood or Stone, from the said Dams for that Purpose:—But as the Petitioners have no Expectation of their doing so, unless required

by Law, they pray the House to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as they may judge proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *William Milnor*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Cooper, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed, by the Bill now under Consideration, the Officer for inspecting Herring intended for Exportation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Importation of sickly Persons into this Province, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House sundry Letters, and other Papers, lately passed between his Honour and *Eliphalet Dyer*, *William Samuel Johnson* and *Jedediah Strong*, Esquires, Commissioners from the Colony of *Connecticut*, empowered to negociate a Settlement of the Dispute, which hath for some Time subsisted, respecting the Boundaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania* and the said Colony of *Connecticut*; which Papers having been severally read by Order, were directed to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross* be added to the Committee of Grievances.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 1, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from the Commissioners appointed by Law for regulating, pitching, paveing and cleansing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that several Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the said City remain yet unpaved; —that some of the Streets were paved before any Commissioners were appointed, or any public Provision made for that Purpose, and, through the Inexperience of the Pavers, were very badly regulated and paved, and at present are in such Condition as to require to be in a great Part repaved;— that the principal Avenues from the paved Parts of the City to the great Roads into the Country are in the Fall and Spring of the Year very difficult to pass, a great Interruption to Travellers, and a Detriment to Commerce;—that the Petitioners, in order to sink the Sum of *Eight Thousand Pounds*

which was lent to the City of *Philadelphia*, have annually levied on the Inhabitants a Tax of *Three-pence* in the Pound, and have likewise been obliged to lay a Tax of *Two-pence* in the Pound for the Purpose of cleaning and keeping in Repair such Streets as are already paved, which Taxes, amounting to *Five-pence* in the Pound, when added to the many other heavy Assessments to which the Inhabitants of *Philadelphia* are now subjected, have prevented the Petitioners from increasing the Paving Tax, so that they are deprived of the Means of paving such Streets as require it, or to discharge the heavy Debts due to private Persons for Money lent to former Commissioners for the Purpose of Paving;——that since the Act was passed, limiting the Breadth of Cart, Waggon and Dray Wheels, which belong to this City and Suburbs, the principal Damage the Pavements and Roads within the City have sustained has been by the Narrow-wheel Waggons, which come from the Country with Loads disproportioned to the Strength of the Pavements:—And as the Benefits, derived to the Inhabitants of the City and several Counties in this Province from having the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the said City well paved and regulated, are in the Opinion of the Petitioners mutual, they apprehend some Provincial Allowance, to assist in paving and repairing such Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Roads as require it, would be in the highest Degree just and reasonable:—That the Petitioners therefore request, that you will be pleased to grant a Sum of Money to be applied to the several Purposes expressed in the Act of the Ninth of *George* the Third, entituled, "*An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the Water-Courses and common Sewers within the inhabited and settled Parts of the City of* Philadelphia, *for raising of Money to defray the Expences thereof, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," to enable the Petitioners the more effectually to answer the Intention of the said Act.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 3, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill

to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors to execute their Trusts, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 4, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Chester*, residing near the River *Schuylkill*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Dams erected by the present Commissioners in many shoal Places in the said River, and nearly across the same, must in Freshes render the Navigation thereof extremely dangerous, as well as injure the Fording-Places, which are a great Convenience to Travellers, and will, beyond all Doubt, shortly put a total End to the Fisheries in the said River, to the great Loss of the poorer Sort of People;—that the Petitioners, with many others, were a few Years since at considerable Trouble and Expence in removing all Dams out of the said River; and therefore humbly pray, the Commissioners may not be allowed to erect any more therein, at least of the Sort they have already made, as such will certainly prove more injurious in every Respect, than those directed to be pulled down under former Acts of Assembly.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Fifty-five Thousand Pounds, *and for striking the same in Bills of Credit, in the Manner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit by a Tax on all Estates real and personal and taxables within this Province,*" having been transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and the Question being put by the Speaker, Whether the said Bill shall pass the House, and be sent to the Governor for his Concurrence? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

YEAS.

Mr. *Pawling*,	Mr. *Mifflin*,	Mr. *John Jacobs*,
Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Foulke*,	Mr. *Humphreys*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Brown*,	Mr. *Morton*,
Mr. *Israel Jacobs*,	Mr. *Shepherd*,	Mr. *Gibbons*,
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Chapman*,	Mr. *Minshall*,
Mr. *Rhoads*,	Mr. *Rodman*,	Mr. *Pennock*.
Mr. *Roberts*,		

NAYS.

Mr. *Pearson*,	Mr. *Pope*,	Mr. *Woods*,
Mr. *Ferree*,	Mr. *Montgomery*,	Mr. *Hunter*.
Mr. *Ross*,	Mr. *Edmonds*,	

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," being also transcribed, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor with the said two Bills, and deliver the same for his Consideration and Assent.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors to execute their Trusts*," which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors to execute their Trusts*," which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the same into his immediate Consideration.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raising of County Rates and Levies.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 5, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raising County Rates and Levies*," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this*

Province," which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Robert Thompson*, of *Solesbury* Township, in the County of *Bucks*, Miller, was presented to the House and read, praying an Alteration in certain Courses of an old Road running through his Plantation between the Mansion-house and Barn, to the great Inconvenience and Prejudice of the Petitioner. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province*," which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To morrow Morning.

January 6, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province*," which being debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster*, respecting an Alteration of the Dams erected in *Conestogoe* Creek, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for removing the Inconveniences complained of by the Petitioners.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Report of a Committee, recommended over by the late House, on the Petitions of divers Owners of *Schuylkill Point Meadows*, for and against an Alteration of the Act of Assembly of this Province, passed in the First Year of the present Reign, for regulating and improving the said Meadows, and after a Debate of some Continuance,

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Gibbons*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to hear the said Owners in Support of their respective Petitions, and report thereon to the House.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 7, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster*, respecting the Encroachment of a public Road (lately laid out by Order of the Governor and Council) on a Burying-Ground near the Village of *Strasburg*, in the said County, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Robert Bell*, Bookseller of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Act of Assembly of this Province instituting a public Vendue in the said City for the Sale of Goods, has been construed to extend to prohibit the Selling of Books by public Auction within the City aforesaid, and praying Relief in the Premises. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *Robert Thompson*, of the County of *Bucks*, and after some Debate thereon, ordered the same to lie on the Table.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *Christopher Hensell*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, was referred for Examination, reported, "That the said *Hensell* has been confined in Gaol Fifteen Months;—that he has given regular Notice to his Creditors of his Application to the House for Relief, and as he is in a very distressed Situation, and does not appear to have any Means of paying his Debts, they recommend his Case to the Consideration of the House."

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of said *Hensell*, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for raising County Rates and Levies,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for altering and regulating the Dams erected in *Connestogoe* Creek, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose. which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Dennis Johnson* was read the second time, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination, with Orders, that the Petitioner be directed to advertise in the Public News-Papers for Six Months at least, his Application to the Legislature for supplying the Defect in his Title by the Loss of the Deed mentioned in the said Petition.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Commissioners for paving the Streets of the City of *Philadelphia*, and after some Time spent therein, ordered the same to lie on the Table.

The Petition from *Daniel Andrews*, of the County of *Lancaster*, being again read by Order, was referred to the Committee of Grievances to enquire into the Facts set forth in said Petition, and report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 8, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors to execute their Trusts*;" and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for raising of County Rates and Levies*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, respectively entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Fifty-five Thousand Pounds, *and for striking the same in Bills of Credit in the Manner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit by a Tax on all Estates real and personal, and Taxables within this Province*;" and, "*An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," with a Paper of Amendments to each; which being read, and considered, were agreed to by the House, and the said Bills ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 10, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr.

Montgomery, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Hunter*, Mr. *Woods* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for recording Warrants, Surveys, Deeds and Conveyances.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 11, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed on *Saturday* last, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

A Petition from the Managers of the Alms-house and House of Employment, Over-seers of the Poor, and others, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Mode of removing poor Persons by Virtue of the Act of General Assembly passed *March* 9, 1771, for the Relief of the Poor, is extreme difficult and burthensome, arising from the Remoteness of Townships in this Province, to which they are sometimes directed to be removed;—that the daily Increase of idle Vagrants and Beggars, who infest the City and Townships, is become a great Nuisance, which loudly calls for the serious Attention of the Legislature;—that the Petitioners conceive a Law would be very useful to oblige the Constables of the City and Townships, under a sufficient Penalty, (without which it would not avail) to apprehend all such strolling Vagabonds, and to convey them forthwith to some Magistrate, who should be enjoined to examine them on their legal Qualifications respecting their Place of Residence or Settlement, and if not in this City or Township, where they were so apprehended, to cause them to be removed by Warrant directed to the Constable of the next Township, and so from Township to Township till they arrive at their proper Place of Residence; and if at any Time hereafter, being so removed, they should return again to the Place from which they were removed, that, the Constable as aforesaid being enjoined to carry them before a Magistrate, the said Magistrate should have Power, and be required, to order them such corporal Punishment as the Nature of the Case appears to require, and then to be conveyed out again as aforesaid, the Punishment being increased on a Repetition of the Offence;—that the Petitioners are informed some of the neighbouring Governments have enacted Laws to this Effect;—that as Numbers of strolling Poor frequently come to this City and the Townships throughout the Province, who stand in Need of Support, and whose Places of legal Residence cannot be found. the Petitioners apprehend the

Maintenance of such Persons should be a Provincial Expence; —that the Petitioners beg Leave further to represent, that there is no Law of this Province by which Provision is made for the Maintenance of Children born of white Women, but begotten by Negroes, or Mulattoes, who are Slaves, through the Want whereof great Expences have arisen to the Public without Redress;—that the Petitioners pray the House will take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief and Assistance therein, as they in their Wisdom may think necessary. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Remonstrance and Petition from a great Majority of the Inhabitants settled in the back Parts of the County of *Lancaster*, and also the Inhabitants of that Part of *Berks* County adjacent thereto, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the remote Situation of the Petitioners, and others, in those Parts of the said Counties, from the Seats of Judicature and public Offices, occasion them to labour under great Hardships, and to be put to very great Expences and Loss of Time in long Journies, either as Parties in Causes, Jurymen, or Witnesses, or proving Wills, obtaining Letters Testamentary or Administration, settling the Accounts with the Register and Orphans Court, *&c.*—that the sober and orderly Part of the Inhabitants are, by their Distance from the Seats of Justice, rendered very insecure from disorderly and wicked Persons, who generally resort to the more remote Parts of the said Counties, being thereby more distant from the Officers of Justice, and more easily escaping after perpetrating Crimes and Offences against the good Laws of the Land;—that, to remove these Grievances, and for putting the Laws in Execution, and that with the least Trouble and Expence to all Persons concerned, the Petitioners, confiding in the known Justice of the Representatives of this Province, humbly solicit and entreat the Honourable House to pass a Bill for erecting a Part of *Lancaster* and *Berks* Counties into a separate County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Arthur Donaldson* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he has viewed with Concern as well the Situation of the Docks of the City of *Philadelphia* filled with Dirt and Rubbish, to the great Inconvenience and Injury of the Navigation, as the Necessity thence arising of extending the Wharfs farther into the River, which in the Apprehension of many judicious Persons (if continued) may in Time be the Means of throwing the Channel of the River, and of Course the Port, into the Hands of a neighbouring Province; and being convinced that a Method might be

fallen upon to cleanse and deepen the Docks, which would render them a sufficient Harbour for the Trade of the Port, at a much easier Rate, and in a more expeditious Manner than any hitherto invented or practiced, he has, with considerable Pains and Expence, constructed a Machine to answer those beneficial Purposes;—that the Petitioner besides is well persuaded that it will also be equally useful in cleansing and deepening the Piers, opening the shallow and too contracted Mouths and Channels of Rivers, and in raising Stones and Sand for Buildings, and in a Variety of other Works of public Utility;——that on Application to the American *Philosophical Society*, they have been pleased to appoint a large Committee to examine the Machine, and see it perform;——that it has met with the entire Approbation of that respectable Body;—thus encouraged by the Decision of the Society in his Favour, the Petitioner humbly presumes to lay the Model before the Honourable House at any Time appointed for that Purpose, (when a Committee of the Society will also attend) and inform them, that the Expence of erecting and compleating it with proper Flats to carry off the Mud and Rubbish, will be such, that (under the present Circumstances of the Water Estates and Interests) he cannot undertake to carry the salutary Design into Execution without public Encouragement:—That the Petitioner therefore prays the Honourable House will take the Premises under their Consideration, and grant him such Encouragement as the public Usefulness of the Machine shall in their Judgment be found to merit.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River* Connestogoe, *in the County of* Lancaster;" which being read through the second Time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That such Members as do not appear at the Place of Meeting within Half an Hour after the Time of Adjournment in the Fore-and Afternoon, shall pay *Two Shillings*; but if a Quorum be not present at the same Time, then each absent Member shall pay *Four Shillings*, and *Eighteen-pence* for every Hour's Absence after, unless he can shew Cause, to the Satisfaction of the House, which shall be determined by an immediate Vote.

Resolved That Mr. *Hillegas* be, and is hereby appointed and empowered to demand and collect the Fines arising upon any Breach of the above Rules, for the Use of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital.

The Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster*, respecting an Encroachment of the public Road on a Burying-Ground in the Village of *Strasburg*, was again read, and after some Debate thereon, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *Robert Bell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Bookseller, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Pedlars and Vendues*, &c."

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions of *Caleb Swazey* and *Daniel Andrews* were referred for Enquiry, reported, "They had examined the said Petitions with the Vouchers relative to the Loss of the Title-Deeds mentioned therein, and are satisfied as well of the Truth of the Facts set forth by the Petitioners, as that they have given public Notice of their Application to the House for Relief; and no Person having appeared to object to the Matters contained in their Petitions, the Committee submit to the House to determine the Relief they pray for."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill or Bills for the Purpose expressed in their Petitions.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 12, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair, in Behalf of *Caleb Swazey*, a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Township of* Middleton, *and the County*

aforesaid, several of the Title-Deeds whereof are lost," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of the Fourteenth of *December* last, which was again read by Order, and after a Debate of some Continuance, referred the same to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 13, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring a Bill to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herrings for Exportation, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Township of* Middleton, *in the County aforesaid, several of the Title-Deeds whereof are lost,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for repealing a Part of an Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Pedlars and Vendues,* &c." reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Governor's Message, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to essay and being in a Draught of Resolves on the Subject of the said Message.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Resolves on the Subject of the Governor's Message, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read, and considered, was agreed to by the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

THE House taking into their Consideration the Governor's Message, and the Petition from the Inhabitants of *Northumberland* County, with other Papers relating to the late Transactions between this Government and the Colony of *Connecticut*, respecting the Claim of the latter to Lands within the Limits and Boundaries of the Royal Grant, came to the following Resolutions, *viz.*

Resolved, That a Number of Persons, emigrating from the Colony of *Connecticut*, under a Pretence of Right to Lands within the Limits and Boundaries of the Royal Grant to the Proprietaries of this Province, without prosecuting their Claim before his Majesty in Council, the only proper Place of Decision, have, in a riotous and tumultuous Manner, taken Possession of a Tract of Country within the said known Limits and Boundaries, and have held and still retain their said Possession in an hostile Manner, to the great Disturbance of the Peace of the Province.

Resolved, That the said Emigrants, together with a Number of ill-disposed Persons with whom they have confederated, have, in Defiance of the Laws of the Country and executive Powers of this Government, afforded Protection to Offenders of the most atrocious Kind, and have, moreover, embodied themselves, and in an hostile Manner attempted to dispossess the peaceable Inhabitants settled far within the Limits of this Government.

Resolved, That the Governor be earnestly requested to give special Directions to all the Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other Officers concerned in the Administration of Justice, to be vigilant and active in the Discharge of their Duty within their several Jurisdictions, and to exert themselves in quieting and suppressing all Acts of Violence, and every illegal Attempt to dispossess the peaceable Inhabitants of this Province.

Resolved, That this House will concur with the Governor in every reasonable Measure to strengthen the Hands of Government, in preserving the Peace, and suppressing all Riots and Tumults, and illegal Attempts whatsoever to disturb the Inhabitants of this Province in their peaceful Possessions; and therefore

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters.

The Committee appointed to hear the Petitioners praying for an Amendment of the Act, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of* Schuylkill Point Meadow-Land, *in the County of* Philadelphia, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raise a Fund to defray the Expence thereof,*" reported, "That, after a full Hearing of the Parties, and taking the said Act into their Consideration, they are of Opinion, that the Law does not require any Alteration or Amendment; but that it is full and complete in itself to remedy the Inconveniences complained of, as it empowers the Managers to make and repair the Extra-Work of the exposed Parts of the Banks at a public Expence."

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 14, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River* Connestogoe, *in the County of* Lancaster, and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Township of* Middleton, *in the County aforesaid, several of the Title-Deeds whereof are lost,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Woods* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented at the Table, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving*

Shad and Herring for Exportation," which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *William* and *Thomas Bradford, William Hall, John Dunlap, John Sparhawk, Robert Aitken, Robert Magill,* and *William Tricket,* of the City of *Philadelphia,* Booksellers, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners being informed a Bill is now before the Honourable House for allowing the Sale of Books by Auction in the said City, they pray Leave to be heard before the same is passed into a Law, as they humbly conceive a Licence for the above Purpose may prove greatly injurious to the Trade of the City in that Article; and further pray, that they may be permitted to have a Copy of such Petitions as have been presented to the House on that Subject; and be allowed a reasonable Time to reply thereto.

Upon Consideration of the above Petition,

Ordered, That the Petitioners, upon Application to the Clerk, and paying him for his Trouble, be furnished with a Copy of the Petition of *Robert Bell,* Bookseller, and also a Copy of the Bill now under Consideration of the House, for allowing the Sale of Books by public Auction within the City of *Philadelphia.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads,* Mr. *Brown,* Mr. *John Jacobs,* Mr. *Ferree,* Mr. *Pope,* Mr. *Edmonds,* Mr. *Woods,* Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to hear the said Petitioners, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. *Rhoads,* by Direction of the Managers of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, laid before the House a State of the Accounts of the said Hospital for the present Year, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

ABSTRACT *of the Accounts of the* Pennsylvania Hospital, *adjusted by the Managers, being a Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year, ending the Third Day of the* Fifth Month, 1773.

BALANCE due to the Hospital on the Settlement of last Year's Accounts, viz.						
In the Hands of the late Treasurer Thomas Wharton, — — — — — — — —	£	41	13	4½		
of the late Matron S. Harlan, —		45	6	6		
					£	86 19 10½

Receipts this Year, *viz.*

One Contributor's Note paid off, — — — — — — — — — —						10 0 0
Five new Contributions from private Persons, — — — — — — — — — —	£	50	8	0		
Carried forward — — — — — — — — —	£	50	8	0		10 0 0

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£	50	8	0	£	10	0	0
Twenty-one ditto, by Signing Paper Currency, — — — — — — — — — —		245	0	0½				
						295	8	0½
Legacies by Will, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						554	8	7¾
Annuities:								
The Proprietaries, one Year, — — —	£	40	0	0				
William Allen, Esq; his, one Year, —		12	0	0				
Estate of John Jones, one Year's Ground-rent of Ja. Black, — — —		18	18	0				
Estate of Mary Andrews, Ground-rent received, — — — — — — — — — —		12	10	0				
Joseph Mountz, two Year's, — — —		12	0	0				
William Young, one Year's, — — —		1	10	0				
						96	18	0
Interest from Borrowers of Money lent, from sundry Contributors, Interest of their respective Notes, — — — — — — —	£	323	13	8½				
		21	14	0				
						345	7	8½
Rent of Pasture Lots, — — — — — — — — — — — —						20	0	0
Principal Sums paid in, and Money borrowed, — — —						1,387	15	0
For Bills of Exchange, drawn by the Managers on their Agents in London, on Account of the Money arising from the unclaimed Shares of the Pennsylvania Land Company, Thirty-two Sets, amounting to £7,390 Sterling, for which received in Current Money, — — — — — — —						11,990	5	0
Board of Bay Patients, — — — — — — — — — —						309	10	0
From 11 Students, for the Privilege of Attending the Practice of the Physicians in the Hospital, at £5, — —						55	0	0
From 3 Students, for the Privilege of Attending Doctor Bond's Clinical Lectures, — — — — — — — — —						3	0	0
For Viewing the Anatomical Paintings and Casts, — — —						12	0	0
From the Charity Boxes, viz.								
The Provincial Assembly's, — — —	£	3	8	10¾				
William Allen, Esq; his — — — — —		7	0	1				
John Reynell's, — — — — — — —		1	6	1				
Fines of a Jury, &c. — — — — —		5	0	0				
In the Hall of the Hospital, — — —		27	4	4				
						43	19	4¾
For sundry small Articles sold, — — — — — — — —						15	5	3½
					£	15,225	16	11½
Balance due to the Treasurer Joseph King, — — — — —						37	10	6
					£	15,263	7	5½

Payments this Year, *viz.*

Disbursements on the Building, — — — — — — — — —					£	12	6	5
Beds, Bedding, Kitchen Furniture, &c. — — — — — —						123	17	3½
Drugs and Medicines, &c. — — — — — — — — — —						99	12	4½
Wages to the Apothecary, Matron, Nurses, Servants, &c.						333	18	10
Surgical Instruments bought of William Logan, — — —						123	15	0
Lots bought, paid Thomas Forrest, for one undivided fourth Part of the Square next Eastward of the Hospital, —						300	0	0
Money borrowed paid off, and Interest of Part thereof, —						612	8	0
Money lent on Interest, — — — — — — — — — — — —						11,827	10	0
Incidental Charges, fencing a Lot, — —	£	9	11	6				
Sundry other Charges, — — — —		7	10	6½				
						17	2	0½
Firewood and Coal, — — — — — — — — — — — —						218	12	11
Common Houshold Expences, viz.								
Flour and Middlings, — — — — —	£	542	15	1¼				
Butcher's Meat, — — — — — — —		391	0	11½				
Milk, — — — — — — — — — — — —		160	19	4				
Melasses, — — — — — — — — — —		70	7	11				
Rice, — — — — — — — — — — —		25	15	10				
Candles and Soap, — — — — — —		45	7	11				
Sugar, — — — — — — — — — — —		62	12	10½				
Tea, Coffee and Chocolate, — — — —		20	4	10				
Carried forward — — — — — — —	£	1,319	4	9¼	£	13,669	2	10½

Brought forward — — — — —— —	£	1,319	4	9¼	£13,669	2	10½
Butter, Fowls, Potatoes, Turnips, Apples and sundry small Articles bought in Market, &c. — — — — —		238	15	9¾	1,558	0	7
					£15,227	3	5½
Balance in the Hands of the Steward John Saxton, — —					36	4	0
					£15,263	7	5½

CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *the Third of the* Fifth Month, 1773.

Bonds and Promissory Nots (sic) taken from sundry Contributors, for their respective Subscriptions, — — —	£	1,927	13	4
Subscriptions, for which Notes are not yet obtained, —		83	10	0
Mortgages and Bonds for Money lent on Interest, — — —		17,493	9	0

Real Estate, per Deeds in the Custody of the Treasurer, *viz.*

A Lot of Ground in the Northern Liberties, on Germantown Road, the Gift of Matthias Keplin, — — — — — — — —	£	24	0	0			
An Annuity of £6, per Annum issuing out of a House and Lot in Derby, the Gift of Isaac Norris, Esq; — — —		100	0	0			
Three Annuities, amounting to £10 1 4, per Annum, issuing out of three Houses and Lots in Philadelphia, the Devise of Mary Andrews, — — —		200	0	0			
An Annuity of 14 Pistoles per Annum, issuing out of a House and Lot in Chestnut-street, Part of the Estate of John Jones, — — — — — — — —		378	0	0			
Three Annuities amounting to 17 and an Half Pistoles per Annum, issuing out of three Houses and Lots in Southwark, bought by the Managers, — —		400	2	0			
One half of the Square next Westward of the Hospital, with the Buildings thereon, — — — — — — — — — —		443	17	6			
Three-fourths of the Square next Eastward of the Hospital, — — — — —		907	0	0			
					2,452	19	6
Doctor John Fothergill's Donation of Anatomical Paintings and Casts, — —					350	0	0
					£ 22,307	11	10

And an Annuity of £ 6, per Annum, during the Life of Joseph Mountz,
Besides the Lot on which the Hospital is erected and the Improvements thereon.
From which is to be deducted £ 300, borrowed by the Managers of David Hall, and not yet repaid.

LIST *of new Contributions for the Year ending the 3d of 5th* Month 1773.

John Dickinson, Esq; additional, — — — — — — — — —	£	12	18	0
Thomas Forrest, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		25	0	0
Joseph Dean, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		6	15	0
Isaac Jones, Esq; additional, — — — — — — — — —		5	0	0
Mary Thrasher, of Germantown, — — — — — — — — —		0	15	0
Carried forward — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	50	8	0

		£		
Brought forward		£	50	8 0
Joseph Swift, additional,	by signing Paper Currency.		11	14 4¾
Samuel Hudson, ditto,			11	14 4¾
Cadwalader Morris, ditto,			11	14 5
Joseph Sims, ditto,			11	14 2
Isaac Cox, ditto,			11	11 9
Benjamin Wynkoop, ditto,			11	11 9
John Mifflin, ditto,			11	11 9
Joel Evans,			11	11 9
Adam Hubley, additional,			11	11 9
Clement Biddle, ditto,			12	4 2
Anthony Morris, junior,			12	1 9
Jeremiah Warder, jun.			12	1 9
James Wharton, additional,			11	11 9
Joseph Deane, ditto,			11	11 9
Samuel Coates, ditto,			11	11 9
Joseph Pemberton, additional,			11	10 2
Samuel Howel, jun.			11	10 2
Thomas Fisher, additional,			11	10 2
Thomas Coombe, ditto,			11	10 2
Thomas Clifford, ditto,			11	10 2
Samuel Pleasants, ditto			11	10 2
		£	295	8 0½

LEGACIES by WILL.

Isaac Greenleafe,	£	100	0 0
Christopher Brown's, a farther Payment,		26	15 6
Ann Strettell,		20	0 0
Charles Cress,		150	17 6¾
Anna Operting,		63	5 7
Michael Gross,		13	10 0
	£	374	8 7½

Besides Peter Turner's, £ 100
and William White's, 80
} entered the List of Legacies last Year, but not paid till this.

Ordered, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Pennock*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to visit the said Hospital, and report the State and Oeconomy thereof to the House.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving Shad and Herring for Exportation*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 15, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

January 17, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, and agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 18, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Allan Meuross*, of the County of *Chester*, complaining against Justices *Parker* and *Hannum*, on account of an erroneous Judgment given by them against him, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to hear the Booksellers of the City of *Philadelphia*, in Support of their Petition to the House, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

PURSUANT to the Order of the House, We, your Committee have heard the Petitioners against the Bill for admitting the Sale of Books by Auction in the City of *Philadelphia*, and are of Opinion, that they have not offered sufficient Reasons to prevent the said Bill's passing into a Law.

Submitted to the House, by

January 18, 1774.

JOHN POPE,	SAMUEL RHOADS,
WILLIAM EDMONDS,	JOHN BROWN,
GEORGE WOODS,	JOHN JACOBS,
SAMUEL HUNTER,	JOSEPH FERREE,"

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message being transcribed, according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your Honour,

WE have taken into our serious Consideration your Message of the 14th *ultimo* and the Petition from the Inhabitants of *Northumberland* County, with the Papers respecting the Claim of *Connecticut* Government to Part of *Pennsylvania*; and as we esteem a due Obedience to the Laws, and the Preservation of the public Peace, to be of the first Moment to the Happiness and Welfare of the People, we heartily concur in Sentiments with your Honour, that the violent Outrages committed within the known Limits of this Province by the Emigrants from the

Colony of *Connecticut*, and the Protection they have given to the most atrocious Offenders, in open Defiance of the Laws of the County, call for the particular Attention of Government.

Since we find from repeated Experience, that the mild Laws of this Province have proved insufficient to restrain these lawless Disturbers of the Peace within any Bounds, we have thought it necessary to prepare and pass a Bill with more severe Penalties, which, we hope, will in future deter them from the Execution of their unwarrantable Designs, and restore the public Tranquillity.

The Hands of Government being thus strengthened, we have no Doubt, but your Honour will pursue the proper Measures to effect so desirable a Purpose, and yet, that we may not seem deficient in our Duty on so extraordinary and alarming an Occasion, which portends the greatest Mischiefs to the Province, and that these ill-disposed People may know that they are acting in Opposition to the Weight of the whole Government, we cannot avoid shewing our just Abhorrence of their Conduct by most earnestly entreating your Honour to give special Directions to the Magistrates, Sheriffs and other Officers concerned in the Administration of Justice, to be vigilant and active in the Discharge of their Duty within their respective Jurisdictions, and to exert themselves in suppressing all Acts of Violence, and every illegal Attempt to dispossess the peaceable Inhabitants of this Province, by putting the Laws in strict Execution.

From the Papers, communicated by the Secretary, we are sorry to find the Government of *Connecticut* has given Countenance to the lawless Possession of these Emigrants, by resolving to prosecute a Claim, not only to Lands they have lately seated themselves on, but to a great Part of the Province. We do not mean, nor is it our Duty, to decide on the Merits of the Dispute between them and the Proprietaries; and yet we cannot help thinking it very extraordinary, that after a total Silence with respect to any Claim, the most perfect Acquiescence with the Settlements made under the Royal Grant of this Province for the Space of near a Century, and their late Refusal when called upon by his Majesty in Council to prosecute such Claim, if any they had, we should now find them of a sudden, adopting so contrary a Measure: But what appears to us still more extraordinary, is their declining, in their late Negotiations with your Honour, after they have assumed the Claim, to prosecute it on the Merits before his Majesty in Council, the only proper Judicature, where this un-

happy Controversy can be decided, as this Conduct carries with it the Appearance of a Design to delay a Matter, of which the Peace and Tranquillity of both Colonies require an immediate Determination, if not to continue their unjustifiable Proceedings, in Support of their Claim.

To prevent the mischievous Effects of this unkind and unneighbourly Disposition in the Government of *Connecticut*, we beg Leave earnestly to request, that your Honour will pursue every effectual Measure to call the Claimants before his Majesty in Council, and to bring their Claim to an immediate Decision.

Signed by Order of the House,

January 18, 1774. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters,*" and, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and a Member presenting at the Table a Rider to the last-mentioned Bill, the same was thrice read, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be annexed accordingly.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Gray* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same, and deliver also the Answer of the House to his Honour's Message.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Matthew Tilghman*, Esq; Speaker of the Honourable House of Delegates of the Province of *Maryland*, inclosing certain Resolutions of the said House passed on the 15th of *October* last, which were read by Order, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

SIR, *Maryland, December* 6, 1773.

HAVING received a Letter from the House of Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*, inclosing the Resolutions of that House of the 12th of *March* last, Copies whereof, I presume, have been transmitted also to you, I took the earliest Opportunity of laying them before the House of Delegates of this Province, who, sensible of the great Utility of a perfect Union amongst the Colonies, most readily adopted the Measure proposed, and came to the Resolutions, which I have now the Honour to inclose, and which I have in Command to transmit to you.

I request you will lay them before your House of Representatives at their next Meeting, and am, Sir, with great Respect,

Your most obedient Servant,

MATTHEW TILGHMAN."

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of Pennsylvania.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

Friday, October 15, 1773.

THE Order of the Day being read, the House took into Consideration the several Letters, and other Papers communicated to this House by the Honourable Speaker, and addressed to him by the Honourable the Speakers of the several Colonies of *Virginia*, *Massachusetts-Bay*, *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island*, and

Resolved unanimously, That this House most cordially accept the Invitation to a mutual Correspondence and Intercourse with our Sister Colonies.

Resolved unanimously, That a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed, to consist of Eleven Persons, *to wit*, the Honourable *Matthew Tilghman*, Esq; Speaker, *John Hall*, *Thomas Johnson*, *William Paca*, *Samuel Chase*, *Edward Lloyd*, *Matthias Hammond*, *Josias Beale*, *James Lloyd Chamberlaine*, *Brice Thomas Beale Worthington*, and *Joseph Sim*, Esquires, and Six of whom to be a Committee, whose Business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the *British* Parliament, or Proceedings of Administration, as may relate to, or affect, the *British* Colonies in *America*, and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting those important Considerations, and the Result of such their Proceedings, from Time to Time, to lay before this House.

Resolved unanimously, That the Speaker of this House transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the *British* Colonies on this Continent Copies of the above Resolutions.

Extract from the Journal of the Lower House of Assembly of the Province of Maryland, *per* JOHN DUCKETT, *Clk. L. H.*"

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Speaker of this House inform the several Colonies of the Resolutions of this House respecting the Ap-

pointment of a Committee of Communication with the Committees of the other Colonies.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message of the 14th *ultimo*, and the two Bills passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for repealing an Act, entituled, "An Act for regulating Pedlars, Vendues,* &c." which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for repealing an Act, entituled, "An Act for regulating Pedlars and Vendues,* &c." being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to increase the Allowance to Members of Assembly for their Attendance on the public Service.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed this Afternoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Managers of the Alms-house and House of Employment, Overseers of the Poor, and others, and after some Debate thereon, ordered the same to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 19, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to increase the Allowance to Members of Assembly for their Attendance on the public Service, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *Arthur Donaldson*, respecting a Machine lately contrived by him for cleansing of Docks, raising Sand and Stones for Buildings, *&c.* which was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner attend the House at Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning with the Model of his said Machine for their Inspection.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of Inhabitants for a new County to be taken from the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Berks*; and the Petition from *Allen Mewross*, of *Chester* County, complaining of the Proceedings of the Justices *Parker* and *Hannum*, in reversing the Judgment of another Magistrate, given in Favour of the Petitioner, were again read, and, upon Consideration thereof, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the following Bills entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*;" "*An Act to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors to execute their Trusts*;" and, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River* Connestogoe, *in the County of* Lancaster," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed.

Mr. Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving Shad and Herring for Exportation*," with some Amendments thereto, which were read by Order, and an Answer to the same being drawn at the Table,

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the said Answer to his Amendments, and return the Bill for his further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 20, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Arthur Donaldson attending, agreeable to the Order of Yesterday, with a Model of his Machine for cleansing and deepening Docks, raising Sand and Stones for Building, *&c.* and the same being viewed and examined by the Members generally,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ferree*,

Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to inspect the said Machine, see it perform, and report their Opinion of its Usefulness to the House at their Next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit the *Pennsylvania Hospital* reported, "they had agreeable to the Order of the House, visited the said Hospital, and find the several Wards and Apartments thereof clean and in good Order, and are of Opinion, that the regular Attendance of the Physicians and Managers and the whole Oeconomy of the House are such as do Credit to all concerned in the Conduct and Support of so noble an Institution."

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to increase the Allowance to Members of Assembly for their Attendance on the public Service*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to increase the Allowance to Members of Assembly for their Attendance on the public Service*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same, and acquaint him that the House being desirous to adjourn this Week, request his Honour's Result on the several Bills before him as soon as may be convenient.

The Members return and report, they had waited on the Governor and delivered the Bill, with the Message of the House, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration, and give all the Dispatch in his Power to the others lying before him.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 21, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, respectively entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province*,;" "*An Act to increase the Allowance to Members of Assembly for their Attendance on the public Service*;" and, "*An Act for repealing a Part of an Act, entituled*, "*An Act for regulating Pedlars, Vendues*, &c."

and acquainted the House he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bills be immediately engrossed.

With the above-mentioned Bills the Secretary also brought down three others, entituled, as follow, *viz.* "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation*;" "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Township of* Middleton, *in the County aforesaid, several of the Title-Deeds whereof are lost,*;" and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for raising of the County Rates and Levies*;" and informed the House that his Honour could not recede from his proposed Amendments to the first of the said three Bills, or give his Assent to either of the other two.

The Secretary likewise delivered at the Table a written Message from the Governor to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'I AM to inform you, that the Commissioners appointed by an Act of General Assembly passed in the Eleventh Year of his present Majesty, and impowered, with the Consent and Approbation of the Governor, to apply and dispose of the Sum of *Fifteen Thousand Pounds*, theretofore granted for and towards the building of such Fortifications as might be necessary for the Security of the City of *Philadelphia*, have lately laid before me their Accounts; by which it appears to me, that they have expended the whole Sum appropriated to that Use, in the Purchase of a small Island about Eight Miles down the River, most conveniently situated for the Purpose intended, and in constructing a great Part of such a Fortification, as by the Opinion and Advice of a skilful Engineer, recommended by General *Gage*, was absolutely necessary to answer the End proposed.

'You will, on Enquiry, find that the Work, so far as it has been executed, is done in a masterly Manner; and that Materials to a considerable Value are on the Spot, ready to continue it as soon as the Season will admit.

'The Plan of the Fort, and the Commissioners Accompts, (sic) will be laid down before you, by which you will perceive what remains to be done, in what Manner the Money has been disposed of, and how much is yet in Arrear to the Workmen, *&c.* From hence you will be enabled to judge what further

Sum will be wanting to complete a Work, which has for many Years been considered by the Legislature of this Province as an Object of the greatest Importance for the Defence and Protection of this populous and flourishing City, against his Majesty's Enemies in Time of War.

'I think it incumbent on me, Gentlemen, to recommend this Matter to your most serious Consideration, and to request that you will make the proper Provision for carrying on and completing this important Work in the most speedy and effectual Manner; in which you may be assured of my hearty Concurrence.

January 20, 1774. *JOHN PENN.*"

Abstract of an Account of Fifteen Thousand Pounds *granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia, *and raised by Act of Assembly passed the 9th of* March, 1771, *as the same was laid out by the Governor and Commissioners*, viz.

TO sundry Orders drawn at different times on the Provincial Treasurer, as follows: For Expences of Capt. *Montresor*, and the Commissioners to

Deep Water Island, at sundry times, — — — £	26	2	5½
To *Capt. Montresor*, at twice, — — — — —	279	16	1
To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for *Deep Water Island*, — — — — — — — — — — — —	416	7	1
To *Thomas Palmer* and *William Dunwick*, for cleaning and repairing the small Arms of the Province, — — — — — — — — — — —	394	4	3
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; for Cash paid for Scantling, — — — — — — — — — — — —	18	1	2
To ditto, for Cash paid for clearing Cannon, *&c.*	23	0	6
To *William Rush*, for Smiths Work, — — — —	1	8	5½
To *John Britton*, for Lumber, — — — — — —	63	16	3
To *Samuel Levis*, for Scantling, — — — — —	7	2	3
To *Wetherell* and *Cresson*, for Lumber, — — —	55	3	3½
To *William Pennell*, for ditto, — — — — — —	34	6	7
To *John Morton*, Esq; and *William Grantham*, for Logs for the Fort and Wharff, — — —	523	0	0
To *John Crozier* and *Edward Bonsall*, for Carpenters Work, building the House, *&c.* — —	145	0	0
To *Elijah Dow*, for Smiths Work, — — — —	40	0	0
To *John Ingles*, for Lines, *&c.* for Capt. *Montresor*, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4	7	8
To *John Bower*, for Porterage of Cannon, —	0	15	0
To *Matthew Clarkson*, for Clerkship, *&c.* — —	14	18	0

To *Samuel Rhoads*, jun. for Nails and Glass, &c — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	12	7	3
To *James* and *Drinker*, for Gun-powder for the Cannon, and for Nails, — — — — — — — —	31	11	0½
To *John Read*, for Wages, — — — — — — — —	25	0	0
To *Samuel Penrose*, for Provisions, — — — —	83	4	11
To *Robert Erwin*, for Porterage of Cannon — —	8	13	0
To *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, for his Commissions, — — — — — — — — — — —	36	14	7
To *John Palmer*, for Cash paid by him for Stone, Lime, Lumber, Provisions, Smiths Work in making and mending Tools for Masons and Labourers Work, mending and repairing the Banks of *Deep Water Island*, and building a Wharff on the same Island.—And also an Allowance for his Attendance, — — — —	12,755	0	2
	£ 15,000	0	0

And there still remains to be paid to sundry Persons, as per Accounts laid before the Commissioners by *John Palmer*, the Sum of — — — —	£ 903	11	4
But as some of those Accounts are not finally settled with the Persons, the real Sum may vary somewhat from the same.			
The Allowance to the Seven Provincial Commissioners, at £ 15 each, — — — — — —	105	0	0
	£ 1,008	11	0

JOHN PENN, JOSEPH FOX,
January 19, 1774. BENJAMIN CHEW, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
JOSEPH GALLOWAY, JOHN MORTON."

The House taking into their Consideration the Necessity of putting into good Repair the Hospital on the *Province Island*, for the Reception of the Sick,

Ordered, That the Trustees of the *Province Island* do with all convenient Speed employ Persons to make such Repairs as they shall think requisite for the better Accommodation of the Sick, provide necessary Bedding, and fence in the Ground allotted for the Hospital, also rebuild and extend

the Wharff at the said Island, and draw on the Provincial Treasurer for so much Money as shall be sufficient to defray the Expence thereof, to be paid out of the Fund arising from the Rents of the said Island.

Ordered, That the said Trustees do view the Creek near the Mansion-house on the *Province-Island*, and enquire whether any, and what Method is most practicable to drain the same, and report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of this Morning, respecting the finishing the Fortification and Discharge of the Sum due to sundry Workmen employed in building the same; and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That the Commissioners appointed by Law to build the said Fortification, by and with the Approbation of the Governor, may draw Orders on the Provincial Treasurer, for the Payment of the Sums of Money now due to the said Commissioners for their Trouble, to the Workmen who have been employed in building the said Fort, and to become due for covering the Walls and taking Care of the Materials, to be paid out of the Money struck and emitted by Virtue of the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and for making the Excise on Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the said Excise.*"

Resolved, That this House will prepare and pass a Bill at their next Meeting to indemnify the Provincial Treasurer for paying the said Orders.

Ordered, That the Clerk make out a fair Copy of the above Resolves, to be sent to the Governor.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 22, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message of Yesterday, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read, and agreed to, was signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

OUR Sitting being protracted far beyond our Expectations, and many of our Members desirous of returning to their Families, where their private Concerns call for their Attention, we are inclined to adjourn argeeable to our Message of *Thursday* last, which renders it impracticable to command, during this Sitting, Time sufficient fully to deliberate on the Measure, recommended in your's of Yesterday. Nevertheless, as we think it but just that the Money in Arrear to the Workmen, and others, concerned in building the Fortification, should be immediately paid, and have not Time to prepare and pass a Bill before our Adjournment, we have entered into the Resolves herewith communicated, which, we hope, should they meet with your Approbation, will answer that Purpose.

Signed by Order of the House,

January 22, 1774. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* wait on the Governor with the above Message, and the Copy of the Resolves of Yesterday, for his Consideration, and acquaint him, that the House inclining to adjourn to the Twelfth of *September* next, request his Honour will appoint some Members of Council to assist in comparing the Bills that have been agreed on.

The House then taking into Consideration the Governor's Support for the current Year,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* be now allowed and given to the Honourable *John Penn*, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, for his Support.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, and ordered to be presented to his Honour, when the House shall attend him in the Council-Chamber with the Bills.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer to his Message, and the Resolves of Yesterday, reported they had delivered the same, with the verbal Message of the House, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Objection to the Time of Adjournment proposed by the House; that he would appoint some Members of Council to collate the engrossed Bills, and meet the House in the Council-Chamber at One o'Clock, to enact the same into Laws.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* join with the Members of Council in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the ruinous Condition of the State-house Steeple, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Superintendants of the said House confer with some skilful Architect, take his Opinion on the most proper Manner of rebuilding or repairing the said Steeple, and lay a Plan thereof before the House at their next Sitting.

The Members appointed to compare the engrossed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the same according to Order, and found them to agree.

Ordered, That the same Members do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills after they shall be passed into Laws, and desposite them in the Rolls Office.

A Message *by the Secretary.*

"SIR,

"The Governor attends his Appointment in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House to enact into Laws the several Bills returned with his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on his Honour, and presented Eight Bills, respectively entituled as follow, *viz.* "*An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;" "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Fifty-five Thousand Pounds, *and for striking the same in Bills of Credit, in the Manner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit, by a Tax on all Estates real and personal, and Taxables within this Province*;" "*An Act to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors to execute their Trusts*;" "*An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province*;" "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River* Connestogoe, *in the County of* Lancaster;" "*An Act to prevent Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*;" "*An Act for repealing a Part of an Act, entituled, "An Act for regulating Pedlars and Vendues,* &c." and, "*An Act to increase the Allowance to Members of Assembly for their Attendance on the public Service*;" to which several Bills his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent, by enacting the same into Laws.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that he had then, in Behalf of the House, presented to his Honour their Certificate for the

Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*; in Return to which he was pleased to say he was much obliged to the House.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the 12th of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

July 18, 1774.

THE Representatives of the Province having been, by Virtue of the Governor's Writs to the Sheriffs of the several Counties for that Purpose directed, summoned to meet him this Day in Assembly, a Quorum met accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Hillegas* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House being met, pursuant to his Summons, they are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them; and request a Copy of the Writ by which they have been convened.

The Members return and report, they had waited on the Governor, and deliver their Message according to Order, and that this (sic) Honour was pleased to say, he would immediately furnish the House with a Copy of the Writ requested.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down the said Writ accordingly, also a written Message to the House, with sundry Letters and Petitions from different Parts of the Frontiers, concerning the present *Indian* Disturbances, which were in Part read by Order, and the said Message follows in these Words, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'The Importance of the Matter I have to lay before you, will, I am pursuaded, made it unnecessary to apologize to you for calling you together at a Season of the Year, of all others the most inconvenient for you to attend the public Business.

'I am to inform you, that in the latter End of *April* last about eleven *Delaware* and *Shawanese Indians* were barbarously murdered on the River *Ohio*, about ninety Miles below *Pittsburg*, by two Parties of White Men, said to be *Virginians*. As we were at that Time in a State of perfect Amity with the Western *Indians*, and it does not appear that those who were killed by the above Parties had given them the least Provocation, I am at a Loss to conjecture what could be the Inducement to Acts so cruel and inhuman.

'As soon as this unfortunate Affair was known on the Frontiers of this Province, Messengers were dispatched to assure the *Indians* that these Outrages had been committed by wicked People without the Knowledge or Countenance of any of the *English* Governments, and requesting they might

not be the Means of disturbing the Friendship which subsisted between us. This Step had so far a good Effect as to quiet them for the present, and prevent their coming to a Resolution to enter into a general War with us: It did not, however, restrain the particular Friends and Relations of the Deceased, who, it seems, contrary to the Advice of their Chiefs, in a short Time afterwards took their Revenge, by murdering a Number of *Virginians* settled to the Westward of the River *Monongahela*. Alarmed at this Proceeding, the Out-Settlers left their Habitations, and fled with their Families into the interior Parts, and the Panic soon became so universal that a great Part of the Western Frontier of this Province was totally deserted; and it is impossible to say when the Mischief would have stopped, had not a Number of Rangers been raised by the Magistrates, and others, in the County of *Westmoreland*, who were stationed in proper Places to protect the Inhabitants, and act defensively in Case of an Attack. This Measure I esteemed a very salutary one, supplied the Men with Arms and Ammunition, and ordered them to be kept up till the Meeting of the Assembly, under a full Persuasion that you would chearfully defray the necessary Expence attending it.

'It would be too tedious to relate the several Occurrences which have happened from Time to Time since the first Act of Hostility committed, but I refer you for more particular Information therein to the Letters and Papers I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you. You will thereby perceive that the *Delawares* and *Shawnanese* have repeatedly made the strongest Profession of a pacific Disposition, and their Desire that Matters should be accommodated; and, as an Earnest of their Sincerity, they not only protected the Persons and Goods of our Traders among them from the Violence of some of their young Warriors, but actually escorted many of them back to their Friends near *Pittsburg*, at the Risk of their own Lives. Hence we had great Reason to believe, that by a just and discrete Conduct a Rupture with them might have been avoided: But I am sorry to inform you that I have received Intelligence, that the very *Indians*, who thus generously escorted our Traders home, were, contrary to all Faith, pursued on their Return, attacked, and one of them wounded, by a Party of *Virginians*, sent out for the Purpose by one *Connolly*, a Militia Captain, appointed by the Government of *Virginia* at *Pittsburg*, who has lately taken Possession of that Place under Pretence of its being out of the Bounds of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, and within the Colony of *Virginia*.

By this unhappy Step, there is great Reason to apprehend, it will be difficult to pursuade the *Indians* further to confide in any Overtures that can be made, or Assurances given them, and that we shall be involved in the Calamities of an *Indian* War. Nothing in my Power has been neglected which I thought might have a Tendency to avert so great an Evil. I have wrote to Sir *William Johnson*, requesting he would interest himself on the Occasion, and use his Influence with the *Six Nations*, to assist in healing the Breach with their Western Brethren, and have dispatched a Letter to Lord *Dunmore* representing the Misconduct of *Connolly*, and the dangerous Consequences of his unjust and violent Proceedings; what will be the Event, Time only can discover; but in this dark and uncertain State of Things I think it my Duty most earnestly to recommend it to you, to make timely and effectual Provision for the Security of our Frontier Settlements, that, in Case of a War with the Savages, they may have that immediate Protection and Assistance which they look for, and have a Right to expect from the Government under which they live; and that you will also provide for the Discharging such Expences as have hitherto arisen by my Orders for their Defence, in which I shall readily concur with you.

'Could you devise any other probable Method, by which this unhappy Difference with the *Indians* can be accommodated, it would give me infinite Satisfaction; and nothing could afford me more Pleasure than the being instrumental in accomplishing so desirable an End.

July 18, 1774. *JOHN PENN.*'

Ordered, That the foregoing Message, and the Papers attending it, be referred to further Consideration To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

July 19, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Letters and Petitions sent down with the Governor's Message of last Night, which were severally read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee of Correspondence laid before the House sundry Letters and Copies of Resolves from the Speakers of the Assemblies of *Massachusetts Bay* and *Rhode-Island*; also a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence for the Colony of *Virginia*, with an Answer to the said Letters from the Committee of this House, which were read by Order, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

SIR, *Province of Massachusetts Bay, June* 17, 1774.

AGREEABLE to the Directions of the House of Representatives of this Province, I have the Honour to transmit to you a Copy of certain Resolves they entered into in their present Session, by which you will perceive that it is their Opinion that a Meeting of Committees from the several Colonies on this Continent is highly expedient and necessary, and that they propose that such Meeting be at the City of *Philadelphia*, on the First Day of *September* next. And that, for the Purposes mentioned in said Resolves, they have appointed a Committee of Five, on the Part of this Province, whom they have directed to repair to *Philadelphia* at the Time abovementioned.—As this appears to be a Measure absolutely necessary for the Establishment of the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies upon a just and solid Foundation, and for the Restoration of Union and Harmony between both Countries, it is not doubted but it will be agreed to in your Colony; if it should, it is desired that as early Notice as possible might be transmitted to

Your most obedient humble Servant,

To the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania.

THOMAS CUSHING, *Speaker.*"

PROVINCE *of* MASSACHUSETTS BAY,

In the HOUSE *of* REPRESENTATIVES, *June* 17, 1774.

THIS House having duly considered, and being deeply affected with, the unhappy Differences which have long subsisted, and are increasing, between *Great-Britain* and the *American* Colonies, do

Resolve, That a Meeting of Committees from the several Colonies on this Continent is highly expedient and necessary, to consult upon the present State of the Colonies, and the Miseries to which they are and must be reduced by the Operation of certain Acts of Parliament respecting *America*; and to deliberate and determine upon wise and proper Measures, to be by them recommended to all the Colonies for the Recovery and Establishment of their just Rights and Liberties, Civil and Religious, and the Restoration of Union and Harmony between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies, most ardently desired by all good Men. Therefore

Resolved, That the Honourable *James Bowdoin*, Esquire, the Honourable *Thomas Cushing*, Esq; Mr. *Samuel Adams*, *John Adams* and *Robert Treat Paine*, Esqrs. be, and they are

hereby appointed a Committee on the part of this Province for the Purposes aforesaid, any Three of whom to be a Quorum to meet such Committees or Delegates from the other Colonies, as have been or may be appointed either by their respective Houses of Burgesses or Representatives, or by Convention, or by the Committees of Correspondence, appointed by the respective Houses of Assembly, in the City of *Philadelphia*, or any other Place that shall be judged most suitable by the Committee, on the First Day of *September* next; and that the Speaker of the House be direced, in a Letter to the Speakers of the Houses of Burgesses or Representatives in the several Colonies, to inform them of the Substance of these Resolves.

A true Copy, Att. SAMUEL ADAMS, *Clerk.*"

SIR, *Newport, June* 20, 1774.

AGREEABLE to the Directions of the General Assembly, I have the Honour to inclose you a Copy of certain Resolutions entered into by them, respecting the very alarming Situation of the Colonies.

I have also to inform you, that upon this Occasion the Assembly have adjourned to the Fourth *Monday* in *August* next. I am, with very great Regard,

SIR, Your most humble Servant,

METCALF BOWLER, *Speaker.*"

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of Pennsylvania.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the English *Colony of* Rhode-Island *and* Providence *Plantations in* New-England, *in* America, *begun and holden by Adjournment at* Newport, *within and for the said Colony, on the Second* Monday *in* June, *in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of his most sacred Majesty* GEORGE *the Third, by the Grace of* God, *King of* Great-Britain, *and so forth.*

THIS Assembly taking into their most serious Consideration several Acts of the *British* Parliament for levying Taxes upon his Majesty's Subjects in *America* without their Consent, and particularly an Act lately passed for blocking up the Port of *Boston*, which Act, even upon the Supposition that the People of *Boston* had justly deserved Punishment, is scarcely to be parallelled in History, for the Severity of

the Vengeance executed upon them; and also considering to what a deplorable State this and all the other Colonies are reduced, when, by an Act of Parliament, in which the Subjects in *America* have not a single Voice, and without being heard, they may be divested of Property and deprived of Liberty, do, upon mature Deliberation,

Resolved, First, That it is the Opinion of this Assembly that a firm and inviolable Union of all the Colonies, in Counsels and Measures, is absolutely necessary for the Preservation of their Rights and Liberties; and that, for the Purpose, a Convention of Representatives from all the Colonies ought to be holden, in some suitable Place, as soon as may be, in order to consult upon proper Measures to obtain a Repeal of the said Acts, and to establish the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies upon a just and solid Foundation.

Second, That the Honourable *Stephen Hopkins* and the Honourable *Samuel Ward*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed by this Assembly to represent the People of this Colony in a general Congress of Representatives from the other Colonies, at such Time and Place as shall be agreed upon by the major Part of the Committees appointed, or to be appointed by the Colonies in general.

Third, That they consult and advise with the Representatives of the other Colonies, who shall meet in such Congress, upon a loyal and dutiful Petition and Remonstrance to be presented to his Majesty, as the united Voice of his faithful Subjects in *America*, setting forth their Grievances they labour under, and praying his gracious Interposition for their Relief. And that in Case a major Part of the Representatives of all the Colonies shall agree upon such Petition and Remonstrance, they be empowered to sign the same in Behalf of this Colony.

Fourth, That they also consult upon all such reasonable and lawful Measures as may be expedient for the Colonies, in an united Manner, to pursue in order to procure a Redress of their Grievances, and to ascertain and establish their Rights and Liberties.

Fifth, That they also endeavour to procure a regular Annual Convention of Representatives from all the Colonies, to consider a proper Means for the Preservation of the Rights and Liberties of all the Colonies.

Sixth, That the Speaker of the Lower House transmit, as soon as may be, Copies of these Resolutions to the present

or late Speakers of the respective Houses of Representatives of all the *British* Colonies upon the Continent.

A true Copy duly examined,

Witness HENRY WARD, *Secretary.*"

GENTLEMEN, Williamsburg, Virginia, May 28, 1774.

THE inclosed Papers will explain to you our present political State here, with respect to the unhappy Dispute with our Mother Country. The Propriety of appointing Deputies from the several Colonies of *British America*, to meet annually in general Congress, appears to be a Measure extremely important and extensively useful, as it tends so effectually to obtain the united Wisdom of the Whole in every Case of general Concern. We are desired to obtain your Sentiments on this Subject, which you will be pleased to furnish us with. Being very desirous of communicating to you the Opinion and Conduct of the late Representatives on the present Posture of *American* Affairs, as quickly as possible, we beg Leave to refer you to a future Letter, in which we shall more fully express our Sentiments on those Subjects. We are, with great Respect,

GENTLEMEN, *Your most obedient Servants,*

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
ROB. C. NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES."

To the Committee of Correspondence for Pennsylvania.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That on *Thursday* next this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Subject of the foregoing Letters and Resolves.

Resolved, upon Motion, That the Committees from the several Counties of this Province, now met on public Affairs in the City, be admitted, if they chuse it, to hear the Debates of the House on that Day.

A Petition from the County of *Northumberland* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners being situated on the Frontiers of the Province, in a County lately laid out, thinly inhabited, and having within the Limits of its Jurisdiction a great Body of Intruders from the Colony of *Connecticut*, who refuse Subjection to this Government, they find themselves unable to enforce the Laws, and bring Offenders to Justice, through the Want of a proper public Gaol;—that the unavoidable Expences of the County having hitherto required nearly the whole Amount of the County Levies, the Trustees have not yet received any Money from that Source, for erecting the necessary public Buildings, nor is it likely a Sufficiency for this useful Purpose can be

raised in that Way for Years to come;—that the Petitioners, calling to Mind the Indulgence of former Assemblies to other Counties of this Province in their Infancy, are encouraged to pray that so much of the Money in the Loan-Office, appropriated to the Use of the said County, as will be sufficient to build at least a County Gaol, may be ordered to be paid into the Hands of the Trustees appointed by Law to erect such Building in the said County, to be immediately applied to that necessary Work, and that the said Money be charged to the County, and reimbursed in the usual, or any other Way, which the House may think proper.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *William Waters*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Bucks* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Member presented to the Chair a Paper from the Provincial Committee met on public business at the Carpenters Hall in this City, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

At a Provincial Committee *composed of Deputies from the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the Counties of* Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton, Northumberland *and* Bedford, *met at the* Carpenters Hall, *on* Tuesday, *July* 19, 1774.

THOMAS WILLING, Esquire, *Chairman.*

Upon Motion, *Agreed*,

THAT the Ninth Resolve agreed to unanimously by this Provincial Committee be copied, and sent to the Honourable House of Assembly, *viz.*

9. *Resolved unanimously*, That there is an absolute Necessity that a Congress of Deputies from the several Colonies be immediately assembled, to consult together and form a general Plan of Conduct to be observed by all the Colonies, for the Purposes of procuring Relief for our suffering Brethren, obtaining Redress of our Grievances, preventing future Dissentions, firmly establishing our Rights and restoring Harmony between *Great-Britain* and her Colonies on a constitutional Foundation.

Agreed. That *Isaac Howell*, *Joseph Hart*, *Francis Richardson*, *Emanuel Carpenter*, *Joseph Donaldson*, *Robert Magaw*, *Daniel Broadhead*, *John Okley* and *William Scull* be a Committee to wait upon the House with the above Resolve, and

that they be instructed, to inform the House that the Committee are employed in finishing their Resolves, and drawing up their Sentiments on the present Situation of public Affairs, which, when compleated, will be laid before the Honourable House.

Signed by Order of the Committee,

THOMAS WILLING, *Chairman.*"

A Petition from *Thomas Prior*, the present Officer for inspecting Flour for Exportation, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may not be removed from the said Office. With the said Petition was also presented a Petition from a Number of the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia*, recommending the said *Prior* as having given general Satisfaction in the said Office, and deserving to be continued therein, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Papers, signed by sundry Merchants of the City, were likewise delivered at the Table, recommending *James Read* and *Levi Hollingsworth*, formerly Petitioners to this House for the said Office, as proper Persons to execute the same.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Rhoads*, one of the Members of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent for this Province in *London* dated the 2d of *February*, 1774, inclosing a List of Fifteen Acts of the Assembly of this Province, which were presented to his Majesty in Council on the 26th of *January* last, and are entituled as follow, *viz.*

1. "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"—Passed the 26th of *February*, 1773.

2. "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts.*"—Passed ditto.

3. "*An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia."—Passed ditto.

4. "*An Act for preserving the Navigation in* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cumberland, *and to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the same.*"—Passed ditto.

5. "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

6. "*An Act for the Relief of* William Ritchie, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* John Milliron, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Lancaster *County, with*

respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."—Passed ditto.

7. "*An Act to repeal the Act, entituled, "An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather.*"—Passed ditto.

8. "*An Act erecting a Part of the County of* Bedford *into a separate County.*"—Passed ditto.

9. "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carlisle, *in the said County, in Trustees, to be sold for the Purpose therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

10. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preservation of the Fish in the said River.*"—Passed ditto.

11. "*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act for laying a Duty on* Negroes *and* Mulattoe *Slaves imported into this Province, and laying an additional Duty on the said Slaves.*"—Passed ditto.

12. "*An Act for vacating a Part of the Road in the Township of the* Northern Liberties, *and for confirming a new Road laid out and make instead thereof.*"—Passed ditto.

13. "*An Act for making perpetual an Act, entituled, "An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province.*"—Passed ditto.

14. "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Martin *in and to a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Charlestown, *in the County of* Chester."—Passed ditto.

15. "*An Act to enable the Persons therein named to hold Lands, and to invest them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province.*"—Passed ditto.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message, which was again read by Order, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor, and request he will be pleased to furnish the House with an Account of the Number of Men raised by the Magistrates for the Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants, and an Estimate of the Expence that hath accrued on that Measure to the present Time.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing an Act, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act,*

entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

July 20, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker and Mr. *Rhoads* laid before the House two Letters from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; dated *London*, the Sixth and Twenty-sixth of *April* last, with some other Papers on public Affairs, which being severally read, were

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the County of *Northumberland*, and, after some Debate thereon, it being moved by Mr. *Woods* and Mr. *Thompson* that the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Bedford* and *Westmoreland* stand equally in Need of Assistance from the Legislature in erecting their public Buildings, and pray the same Indulgence, the Motion was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for lending the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* to the several and respective Counties of *Bedford Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*, for building a Court-house and Prison in each of the said Counties.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported, they had delivered the same according to Order; and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had already laid before the House all the Papers he was possessed of relating to the Ranging Companies on the Frontiers, but would endeavour to procure, as soon as possible, the further Information requested by the House, and lay it before such Commissioners as may be appointed to pay the said Companies.

The House then proceeded in the Consideration of the Governor's Message, and, after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House again taking into Consideration the Governor's Message, and the Papers sent down with it,

Resolved, That, *Michael Hillegas*, *George Gray*, *Thomas Mifflin* and *Charles Humphreys*, Esquires, or any Three of them, by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Governor of this Province for the Time being, may draw Orders on the Provincial Treasurer for any Sum not exceeding *Two Thousand Pounds*, to be disposed of in paying and victulating, until the Tenth Day of *August* next, a Number of Rangers

lately raised by the Magistrates of *Westmoreland* County, for removing the Panic into which the Inhabitants of the said County have been thrown by the late *Indian* Disturbances, and for other incidental Expences; and also in maintaining the Peace and Friendship subsisting between this Province and the *Indians*;—the said Sum to be paid out of the Money struck by Virtue of the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise on Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and for preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the said Excise.*"

Resolved, That if, after the said Tenth Day of *August*, it shall appear to the Governor and the said *Michael Hillegas*, *George Gray*, *Thomas Mifflin* and *Charles Humphreys* necessary to employ any Number of the said Rangers, this House will pass a Bill for paying and victualling them, until the Twentieth Day of *September* next, provided their Number shall not exceed Two Hundred.

Resolved, That this House will make Provision for paying the Reward of *One Hundred Pounds* to any Person who shall apprehend *James Cooper* and *John Kinkson*, who it is said, have barbarously murdered an *Indian* on the Frontiers of this Province, and deliver them into the Custody of the Keeper of the Gaol within either of the Counties of *Lancaster*, *York* or *Cumberland*, or the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* for either of them,

Resolved, That this House will, at their next Sitting, pass a Bill and present the same to the Governor for indemnifying the Provincial Treasurer for the Payment of the said Monies.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue an Act, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable,*" reported, they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for lending the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* to the several and respective Counties of *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*, for Building a Court-house and Prison in each of the said Counties, reported, they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

July 21, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bills, entituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable,*" and, "*An Act for lending the Sum of* Eight Hundred Pounds *to the several and respective Counties of* Bedford, Northumberland *and* Westmoreland, *for building a Court-house and Prison in each of the said Counties,*" being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, were ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

This Day the Provincial Committee, composed of Committees from the several Counties of the Province, waited on the House, and being admitted, their Chairman presented at the Table sundry Papers, containing a Number of Resolves on the present Grievances of the Colonies, and Instructions to their Representatives, recommending such Measures as appear to the said Committee most proper for obtaining Redress; and then withdrawing, the said Papers were severally read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

The Order of *Tuesday* last being read,

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the several Papers before them, received from the Speakers and Committees of Correspondence for *Massachusetts Bay*, *Rhode-Island* and *Virginia*, on the present State of the Colonies.

The Petition from *William Waters*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Bucks* County, being again read,

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Rodman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Relief of the Petitioner, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

July 22, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and the Order of Yesterday being read, resolvd itslf into a Committee of the whole House upon the Subject of the several Letters and (sic) and Resolves received from the Colonies of *Massachusetts Bay*, *Rhode-Island* and *Virginia*, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Rhoads* reported from the Committee, that they had considered the Business before them, and having come to a Resolve thereon, he was ordered to report the same whenever the House shall be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Resolve of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Rhoads* then (according to Order) reported the said Resolve, which he first read in his Place, and then delivered at the Clerk's Table, where the same was again read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

THE Committee of the whole House taking into their most serious Consideration the unfortunate Differences which have long subsisted between *Great-Britain* and the *American* Colonies, and been greatly increased by the Operation and Effects of divers late Acts of the *British* Parliament.

Resolved, N. C. D. That there is an absolute Necessity that a Congress of Deputies from the several Colonies be held as soon as conveniently may be, to consult together upon the present unhappy State of the Colonies, and to form and adopt a Plan for the Purposes of obtaining Redress of *American* Grievances, ascertaining *American* Rights upon the most solid constitutional Principles, and for establishing that Union and Harmony between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies, which is indispensably necessary to the Welfare and Happiness of both."

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to amend the Act, entituled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable,*" and, "*An Act for lending the Sum of* Eight Hundred Pounds *to the several and respective Counties of* Bedford, Northumberland *and* Westmoreland, *for building a Court-house and Prison in each of the said Counties,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Miles* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the same into immediate Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolve from the Committee of the whole House, and after some Debate thereon, adopting and confirming the same,

Resolved, N. C. D. That the Honourable *Joseph Galloway*, Speaker, *Samuel Rhoads*, *Thomas Mifflin*, *Charles Humphreys*, *John Morton*, *George Ross*, and *Edward Biddle*, Esquires, be

and they are hereby appointed a Committee on the Part of this Province for the Purposes aforesaid, and that they, or any four of them, do meet such Committees or Delegates from the other Colonies as have been, or may be, appointed, either by their respective Houses of Representatives, or by Convention, or by the Provincial or Colony Committees, at such Time and Place as shall be generally agreed on by such Committees, and that the Speaker of this House be directed in a Letter to the Speakers of the Houses of Representatives of the other Colonies to inform them of these Resolves.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Pope* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in Draughts of Instructions for the Deputies to the ensuing Congress, a Circular Letter to the Speakers of the several Colony Assemblies, and an Answer to the Governor's Message on *Indian* Affairs.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

July 23, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable,*" and, "*An Act for lending the Sum of* Eight Hundred Pounds *to the several and respective Counties of* Bedford, Northumberland *and* Westmoreland, *for building a Court-house and Gaol in each of the said Counties,*" and acquainted the House, that he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Major *Hamilton*, Commanding Officer at the Barracks of this City, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

SIR, *Philadelphia, July* 21, 1774.

I TAKE the Liberty to inform you, that his Majesty's Troops under my Command stand much in Need of the Aid of the Legislature of this Province;—their Bedding, Utensils and Apartments require Inspection, and want Repairs. I have had the Pleasure of knowing this Barrack these seven Years, and shall always be happy in declaring, that no Troops have been better supplied, nor any Applications from Commanding Officers more politely attended to, than here. From which I am encouraged to hope, that the House of Assembly will,

during this Sitting, order the necessary Inspection, and afford such a Supply as their Generosity and Judgment shall dictate.

I have the Honour to be, SIR with great Respect,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

To the Honourable *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; ISAAC HAMILTON, *Major to his Majesty's 18th or Royal* Irish *Regiment of Foot.*"

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Letter,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Miles* be a Committee to examine into the present Condition of the said Barracks, and report thereon to the House at their next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Instructions for the Deputies appointed to attend the ensuing Congress, a circular Letter to the Speakers of the several Assemblies of the Colonies, and an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported, they had essayed a Draught for each of those Purposes, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read by Order, were agreed to by the House, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

INSTRUCTIONS to the COMMITTEE *of* ASSEMBLY *appointed to attend the* GENERAL CONGRESS.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Trust reposed in you is of such a Nature, and the Modes of executing it may be so diversified in the Course of your Deliberations, that it is scarcely possible to give you particular Instructions respecting it. We shall therefore only in general direct, that you are to meet in Congress the Committees of the several *British* Colonies at such Time and Place as shall be generally agreed on, to consult together on the present critical and alarming Situation and State of the Colonies, and that you, with them, exert your utmost Endeavors to form and adopt a Plan, which shall afford the best Prospect of obtaining a Redress of *American* Grievances, ascertaining *American* Rights, and establishing that Union and Harmony which is most essential to the Welfare and Happiness of both Countries. And in doing this, you are strictly charged to avoid every Thing indecent or disrespectful to the Mother State. You are also directed to make Report of your Proceedings to the next Assembly.

Signed by Order of the House,

Philadelphia, July 23, 1774. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

LETTER, to the Speakers of the several Assemblies of the Colonies.

SIR, *Philadelphia, July* 23, 1774.

BY Order of the House of Representatives of *Pennsylvania*, I have the Honour to inclose a Copy of certain Resolves entered into by them, respecting the present alarming State of the Colonies, and appointing a Committee to meet the Committee of the other Colonies in Congress.

I am, with great Respect, SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,

JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

To the Honourable the Speaker of
Assembly of the Colony of—

ANSWER to the GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

May it please your HONOUR,

THE House have taken into their serious Consideration your Message of the 18th Instant, respecting the Panic into which the Frontier Inhabitants have been thrown by the late Murders committed on some of the Western *Indians*, and their Apprehensions thence arising of an *Indian* War; and sensibly affected with the unhappy Situation of those Inhabitants, after mature Deliberation on the Measures taken by the Magistrates, and approved by your Honour, we have resolved to pay and victual the Troops raised for their Relief, until the Tenth Day of next Month; and if it shall then appear to the Governor and Commissioners that the Continuance of them is necessary, we have agreed to provide for such a Number, not exceeding Two Hundred, as your Honour and the Commissioners shall think expedient, until the Twentieth Day of *September* next.

And as you are pleased to intimate, "that could we devise any other probable Method than what was recommended in your Message, by which the unhappy Differences with the *Indians* can be accommodated, it would give you infinite Satisfaction," we beg Leave to recommend to your Consideration the Propriety of taking the necessary Measures to renew the Peace and Friendship between this Province and the *Indians*, and to mediate the unhappy Differences between them and the Colony of *Virginia*, as it appears to us scarcely possible that they can subsist, without continuing the Frontiers of this Province in their present Fears and Distress.

The House with Horror look upon the frequent Murders that have been of late committed on some of the Western *Indians*, in and to the Westward of this Province, and think it their Duty to aid Government, in discouraging the Perpetration of such atrocious Offences not only against the

Authority of Government, but in open Violation of the Treaties subsisting between this Province and those *Indians*, and therefore have voted the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* as a Reward for apprehending *John Hinkson* and *James Cooper*, who have lately, as is said, cruelly put to Death *Joseph Weepy*, a friendly *Indian*, within the Bounds of this Province.

The Resolutions the House have entered into on this Occasion, we have herewith communicated.

Signed by Order of the House,

July 23, 1774. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Hunter* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Answer to his Message, and acquaint him, that the House inclined to adjourn to *Monday*, the Nineteenth Day of *September* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto, and request to know at what Time To-day he will be pleased to meet the House to enact into Laws the Bills that have received his Assent.

The Members return, and report, they had delivered their Message according to Order; and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Objection to the Time of Adjournment proposed by the House, and would be in the Council-Chamber immediately to enact into Laws the two Bills that have been agreed on.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Miles* do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills after they are passed into Laws, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

A MESSAGE *by* Mr. *Secretary.*

"S I R,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on his Honour, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that they had waited on the Governor, and presented two Bills, entituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable,"* and, "*An Act for lending the Sum of* Eight Hundred Pounds *to the several and respective Counties of* Bedford, Northumberland *and* Westmoreland, *for building a Court-house and Prison in each of the said Counties,*" to which Bills his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent, by enacting the same into Laws.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the Nineteenth Day of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

September 19, 1774.

MR. Speaker, with Nineteen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

A Quorum met, *September* 20, 1774.

Ordered, That Mr. *Miles* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House having met, in Pursuance of their Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

Mr. *Rhoads* delivered at the Table a Letter to the Committee of Correspondence from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; dated *London*, the 7th of *May* last, acquainting them with the Result of the Board of Trade on sundry Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, passed *February* the 26th, 1773, and that two other Acts, of the same Sitting, will probably be repealed for certain Reasons mentioned in the said Letter.

Pursuant to a Petition from the County of *Northampton* to the late Assembly, and by them recommended to this House, Mr. *Edmonds*, Member for the said County, presented at the Clerk's Table, a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-West Part of* Bucks *into a separate County*," which being read the first time, was

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Samuel Burman*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to examine the Accounts of Incidental Expences for the past Year, and report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the said Committee do also prepare and bring in a Bill to appropriate Money for the Payment of the said Expences.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

September 21, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of Yesterday, reported, they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Business at present to lay before the House.

Mr. *Miles* presented at the Table sundry Accounts for the

Board and Cure of *John Hendricks*, an *Indian*. (Son of the late King *Hendricks)* from a dangerous Wound of the Breast, received in his Return from *Philadelphia*, where he had been on public Business, amounting to £ 17 11 11, which was read by Order, and referred to the Committee for Incidental Expences, together with an Account of £ 7 10 0, for Provisions delivered to certain *Indians* assembled at Fort *Augusta*, in *September*, 1773, to hold a Treaty with the Government.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

September 22, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-West Part of* Bucks *into a separate County,*" which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

September 23, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and proceeded in the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-West Part of* Bucks *into a separate County,*" which being read through the second time, and debated, the Question was put, Whether the said Bill shall be transcribed for a third Reading?

Carried in the Negative.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 24, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Payment of Incidental Expences, reported a Draught for that Purpose, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

September 26, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'AS it does not appear to me, that the Causes of the unhappy *Indian* Disturbances are yet at an End, but, on the contrary, that the Governor of *Virginia* is still prosecuting an

Expedition against the *Shawanese*, I cannot avoid recommending to your Consideration the Expediency of keeping the Troops employed by this Government, or at least a Part of them, in Pay, till our Affairs upon the Frontiers may happily have a more favourable Aspect.

September 26, 1774. *JOHN PENN.*"

The Committee of Accounts, pursuant to their Appointment, presented at the Table a Report in Writing on the State of the public Accounts for the past Year, which being in Part read by Order,

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

September 27, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Accounts, which was read through by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the ASSEMBLY on the STATE of the *PUBLIC ACCOUNTS*, 1774.

Pursuant to the Appointment of the HOUSE, We have inspected and examined the several public Accounts mentioned in this Report; and have burnt, sunk and destroyed the different Parcels of Bills of Credit, *as mentioned and specified in the same: The* STATE *of all which is as follows,* viz.

WE FIND, THAT

SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE, on Behalf of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, hath received since last Year's Settlement, sundry principal Sums, or Quotas, due on the Mortgages, [put under his Care by the said Trustees, on the 21st of October, 1767] for which he Credits the Province,	
By Cash received of sundry Persons from September 18, 1773, to August 27, 1774, for Quotas due on the several Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-nine Pounds, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£ 1,169 0 0
And he Charges,	
To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of Assembly, and by them burnt and destroyed according to Law, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£ 1,169 0 0

On Account of Interest on the said Mortgages he Credits,

By Balance in his Hands, per Account settled last Year, — — — — — — —	£ 2,565 2 11		
By Cash received of sundry Persons since last Settlement, for Interest due on their several Mortgages, —	524 15 7		
			£ 3,089 18 6

And he Charges,

To Cash paid Hall and Sellers, for advestising the delinquent Mortgagors, to pay off their old Mortgages, —	£ 0 5 0		
To Balance in the Hands of Samuel Preston Moore of the Interest Money, which the Committee have counted,	3,089 13 6		
			£ 3,089 18 6

Quotas remaining, as per Report of the Committee last Year on Eighty-eight Mortgages, — — — — — —	£ 2,637 19 0		
Of which Samuel Preston Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee since that Time, and by them hath been burnt and destroyed as abovementioned, being for Quotas received on the Discharge of Twenty-nine Mortgages, and on Account of divers others, — — — — — — — — — —	1,169 0 0		
By which the Quotas due and to become due on the remaining 59 Mortgages would be — — — — — — —	£ 1,468 19 0		
Yet by a List now taken by the Committee of the said Mortgages, which remain undischarged, we find the Amount of the Quotas to be only —	1,468 10 0		

The Trustees of the Loan-Office for emitting the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Thousand Pounds*, per Act of Assembly passed the 26th of *February*, 1773, have laid before the Committee the following State of that Loan, *viz.*

THAT they have, in Pursuance of the said Act, let out on Mortgages as follows,			
In the City and County of Philadelphia	£ 22,672 0 0		
County of Bucks — — — — —	13,812 0 0		
County of Chester — — — —	18,176 0 0		
County of Lancaster — — —	17,904 0 0		
County of York			
County of Cumberland — — —	8,424 0 0		
County of Berks — — — —	3,216 0 0		
County of Northampton — — —	3,328 0 0		
County of Bedford — — — —	2,696 0 0		
County of Northumberland — —	3,968 0 0		
County of Westmoreland			
			£ 94,196 0 0
For which £ 94,196 0 0, the Trustees have taken 620 Mortgages.			
That they have in Pursuance of the Act of Assembly passed the 23d of July last, paid to the Treasurer of the County of Bedford, towards enabling that County to erect a Court-house and Prison, — — — — — — — —	£ 800 0 0		
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£ 800 0 0		£ 94,196 0 0

Brought forward — — — — — — — — — —	£ 800 0 0	£ 94,196 0 0
And to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland, for the like Purpose, — — — — — — — — — —	800 0 0	1,600 0 0
		£ 95,796 0 0

STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the several COUNTIES for the PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

Philadelphia County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO Balance remaining uncollected as settled with the Committee last Year,	£ 160 18 0		
To Drawback of Collectors Fees on Tax not collected, — — — — — — —	0 17 3½		
		£	161 15 3½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —	Cr.		
By sundry Deficiencies, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, — — —	£ 34 13 0		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, 1773.			
Oct.			
5. One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds 18s2. — — — —	£ 125 18 2		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 125 18 2, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — —	1 4 1½		
	127 2 3½		
		£	161 15 3½

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected as settled by the Committee last Year,	£ 4,724 9 4¼		
To Cash received of a Collector, being Tax by him collected after Settlement of his Duplicate — — — — —	0 3 0		
To Drawback of Collectors Fees on Tax not collected — — — — — — — —	3 0 6¾		
		£	4,727 12 11
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —	Cr.		
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.			
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —	£ 121 3 0		
Clerks Fees, Books, &c. — — — — —	£ 15 14 6		
Several Collectors for Tax twice charged,	1 4 0		
Expences at twice —	5 0 4		
	£ 21 18 10		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry times Four Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds 18s11. — —	4,538 18 11		
	4,560 17 9		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 4,560 17 9, at 20s. per Cent, — —	45 12 2		
		£	4,727 12 11

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —					£ 11,884 3 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£ 222 15 6				
Collectors Fees — —	291 10 10¾				
		£ 514 6 4¾			
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£ 39 0 4				
County Assessors ditto,	79 10 0				
Township and Ward Assessors ditto —	110 8 6				
Clerks Fees, &c. —	106 4 11				
		£ 335 3 9			
1774.					
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
July					
22. Twelve Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds 18s11½ —	£ 1,287 18 11½				
Aug.					
19. Nine Hundred and Ninety Pounds 17s4. — — — —	990 17 4				
25. Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds 16s7½ —	1,875 16 7½				
Sept.					
7. One Thousand and Twenty-four Pounds 4s. — —	1,024 4 0				
		5,514 0 8			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 5,514 0 8, at 20s. per Cent, — —		55 2 9½			
		£ 6,083 9 10¼			
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —		5,800 13 7¾			
					£ 11,884 3 6

Bucks County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Joseph Chapman*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£ 8 6 3
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, Exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies for Insolvents — — — — —	£ 1 17 6				
Collectors Fees — — —	0 3 2				
		£ 2 0 8			
Township Assessors Fees	£ 1 5 0				
Carried forward — —	£ 1 5 0	£ 2 0 8			£ 8 6 3

Brought forward — —	£ 1 5 0	£ 2 0 8	£ 8 6 3
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Four Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four-pence, — — —	4 19 4		
		6 4 4	
County Treasurer's commissions on £6 4 4, at 20s. per Cent, —		0 1 3	
			£ 8 6 3

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — —			£ 493 14 6½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.			
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — — —	£ 27 13 2		
Collectors Fees, — —	11 13 0		
		£ 39 6 2	
Township Assessors Fees, — — — — —	£ 4 0 0		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Four Hundred and Forty-five Pounds 18s6½ — — — — —	445 18 6½		
		449 18 6½	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £449 18 6½, at 20s. per Cent, — — — —		4 9 10	
			£ 493 14 6½

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — —		£	2,340 0 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.			
Collectors Fees — — — — — — —		£ 42 15 1	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£ 29 0 6		
County Assessors ditto, — — — —	34 10 0		
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —	64 10 0		
Clerks ditto, &c. —	37 16 0		
1774.			
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
June			
21. Nine Hundred and Five Pounds 4s. — — — —	£ 905 4 0		
July			
20. One Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds 5s8. —	152 5 8		
Carried forward — —	£1,223 6 2	£ 42 15 1	£ 2,340 0 6

Brought forward — —	£1,223 6 2	£ 42 15 1	£ 2,340 0 6
Sept.			
7. Four Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds 17s3. —	486 17 3		
		1,710 3 5	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £1,710 3 5, at 20s. per Cent, — — — —	£ 17 2 0		
Mileage, — — — — —	0 13 0		
		17 15 0	
		£ 1,770 13 6	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —		569 7 0	
			£ 2,340 0 6

Chester County, for the Provincial Taxes, *James Gibbons*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — —			£ 136 12 2½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By a Deficiency allowed by the County Commissioners since last Settlement,		£ 0 10 9	
1774.			
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — —			
Sept.			
14. One Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six-pence, — — — — — — — —		134 14 6	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £134 14 6, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — — — — —		1 6 11½	
			£ 136 12 2½

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — —			£ 1,760 1 0¼
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.			
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — —		£ 98 9 8	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£ 3 14 0		
County Assessors ditto,	3 5 0		
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —	4 5 0		
Clerks ditto, &c. — —	4 9 6		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
1773.			
Dec.			
2. Three Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds 14s3. — — —	£ 377 14 3		
Carried forward — —	£ 393 7 9	£ 98 9 8	£ 1,760 1 0¼

Brought forward — —	£	393	7	9	£	98	9	3	£	1,760	1 0¼
1774.											
June											
2. Five Hundred and Ninety-seven Pounds 15s1. —		597	15	1							
Sept.											
14. Five Hundred and Forty Pounds 5s4½		540	5	4½							
						1,531	8	2½			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £1,531 8 2½, at 20s. per Cent, —						15	6	3¼			
					£	1,645	3	8¾			
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —						114	17	3½			
									£	1,760	1 0¼

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — —									£	3,752	1 3
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —						Cr.					
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.											
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — —	£	68	19	1							
Collectors Fees, — —		93	16	0							
					£	162	15	1			
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£	29	18	6							
County Assessors ditto, — — — — —		44	0	0							
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —		81	5	0							
Clerks ditto, — — —		39	2	6							
	£	194	6	0							
1774.											
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,											
Sept.											
14. Thirteen Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds, 18s11. — — —		1,386	18	11							
						1,581	4	11			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £1,581 4 11, at 20s. per Cent, — — — —	£	15	16	3							
Mileage, — — — — —		0	12	0							
						16	8	3			
					£	1,760	8	3			
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —						1,991	13	0			
									£	3,752	1 3

Lancaster County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Christian Wirtz*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee of Assembly, September 1773, — — — — — —					£ 1,304 6 0½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
1773.					
Oct.					
15. Four Hundred Pounds, — —	£ 400	0	0		
19. Five Hundred Pounds, — — —	500	0	0		
1774.					
July					
1. Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds, — — —	360	0	0		
Sept.					
9. Thirty-one Pounds 7s8½ —	31	7	8½		
				£ 1,291 7 8½	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £1,291 7 8½, at 20s. per Cent, —				12 18 4	
					£ 1,304 6 0½

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax,				£ 3,748 16 8	
To Cash received of the Administrators of the Estate of John Miller, deceased, by Virtue of an Act of Assembly, passed the 21st of March, 1772, — — — — — — — — — —				8 0 0	
					£ 3,756 16 8
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — —	£ 231	16	5		
Collectors Fees, — —	87	18	6		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£ 52	13	0		
County Assessors ditto, — — — —	73	10	0		
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —	124	5	0		
Clerks ditto, and Stationary, &c. —	24	10	0		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, —					
Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds 2s5½ — — — — —	1,789	2	5½		
				2,064 0 5½	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £2,064 0 5½, at 20s. per Cent, — — — —	£ 20	12	9½		
Carried forward — —	£ 20	12	9½	£ 2,064 0 5½	£ 3,756 16 8

Brought forward — —	£ 20 12 9½	£ 2,064 0 5½	£ 3,756 16 8
Mileage, — — — — —	1 13 0		
		22 5 9½	
		£ 2,406 1 2	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — — —		1,350 15 6	
			£ 3,756 16 8

NOTE. Since the Adjustment of the above Account with the Treasurer of the County of Lancaster, we find he has paid into the Provincial Treasury, the further Sum of Two Hundred Pounds on Account of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax, the which the Provincial Treasurer hath charged himself with, as appears by his Account.

York County, for the Provincial Taxes,

On Account of the Tenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due from the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, late Treasurer, as reported by the Committee in 1771, 1772 and 1773, — — — — — — — — — —			£ 455 14 7¼
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer by William Matthews, Administrator to the said Estate at Different Times, Four Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds 4s4½ — — — — — — — — — — —		£ 451 4 4½	
John Blackburn's Commissions on £451 4 4½, at 20s. per Cent, — —		4 10 2¾	
		£ 455 14 7¼	

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Robert M'Pherson*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, Of which no Part hath been paid.			£ 181 10 6

On Account of Taxes due from the Estate of Non-residents, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, Of which no Part hath been paid.			£ 340 11 6½

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Michael Swoope*, Esq; Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the said Tax, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — —			£ 562 13 7
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as allowed by County Commissioners, viz.			
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£ 10 18 0		
Collectors Fees, — —	38 6 0		
		£ 49 4 0	
Carried forward — —		£ 49 4 0	£ 562 13 7

Brought forward — —					£	49	4	0	£	562 13 7
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — — —	£	14	7	0						
Clerks Wages, — — —		6	10	0						
1774.										
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.										
May										
25. Four Hundred Pounds, — — —	£	400	0	0						
Sept.										
13. Thirty Pounds nineteen Shillings & Tenpence, — — —		30	19	10						
						451	16	10		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £451 16 10, at 20s. per Cent, — —						4	10	4		
Balance due to the Province, — — —						57	2	5		
									£	562 13 7

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — —									£	1,777 11 1
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —					Cr.					
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.										
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£	30	7	0						
County Assessors ditto, — — — — —		40	0	0						
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —		92	0	0						
Clerks ditto, — — —		28	0	0						
					£	190	7	0		
1774.										
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.										
May										
25. Two Hundred Pounds, — — —	£	200	0	0						
Sept.										
13. Six Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds 5s6. —		684	5	6						
		884	5	6	£	1,074	12	6		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £1,074 12 6, at 20s. per Cent, — —						10	14	11		
Mileage, — — — — — — — — — —						2	4	0		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —						689	19	8		
									£	1,777 11 1

Cumberland County, for the Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Esq; Treasurer,

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported last Year, — — — — — — —									£	425 9 6¾
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —					Cr.					
By sundry Charges, &c. on the said Taxes,										

exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.									
Deficiencies last Year,	£	0	1	6					
Ditto this Year on Non-residents, — —		140	8	2½					
Collectors Fees last Year, — — — — — —		0	7	9½					
Ditto this Year, — —		1	0	9					
					£	141	18	3	
1774. Sept. 21. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Forty Pounds 2s5. —						40	2	5	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £40 2 5, at 20s. per Cent,						0	8	4	
Balance due to the Province, —						243	0	6¾	
								£	425 9 6¾

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year,								£	432 10 6½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —								Cr.	
By sundry Charges, &c. on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.									
Deficiencies on Non-residents last Year, — —	£	0	3	4					
Ditto on ditto this Year, — — — —		8	1	5½					
Ditto, allowed the Collectors of Cumberland & Middleton Townships, — —		3	17	5					
Collectors Fees last Year, — — — — — —		0	9	7					
Ditto this Year, — —		5	4	6					
					£	17	16	3½	
1774. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — Sept. 21. One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Eight Shillings, — —						148	8	0	
County Treasurers Commissions on £148 8 0, at 20s. per Cent,						1	9	8	
					£	167	13	11½	
Balance due to the Province, —						264	16	7	
								£	432 10 6½

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year,								£	401 3 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —								Cr.	
By sundry Charges, &c. on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.									
Deficiencies last Year,	£	27	17	6					
Ditto this Year, —		0	18	0					
Carried forward — —	£	28	15	6				£	401 3 6

Brought forward — —	£	28	15	16				£	401 3 6
Ditto on Non-residents last Year, —		12	3	1					
Ditto ditto this Year,		6	17	4					
Collectors Fees last Year, — — — — —		2	19	6					
Ditto this Year, — —		5	6	3½					
					£	56	1	8½	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, One Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds 1s4. — — — — — — — — — — —						166	1	4	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £166-1 4, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — —						1	13	2	
					£	223	16	2½	
Balance due to the Province, — — —						177	7	3½	
								£	401 3 6

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year,								£	437 3 11
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —							Cr.		
By sundry Charges, &c. on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.									
Deficiencies last Year, —	£	69	18	11					
Ditto on Non-residents this Year. — — —		6	10	1					
Collectors Fees last Year, — — — — —		13	15	0½					
Ditto this Year, — —		1	6	9					
					£	91	10	9½	
Commissioners Fees, — 1774. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,	£	0	15	0					
Sept. 21. Fifty-one Pounds 16s11½ — —		51	16	11½					
						52	11	11½	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £52-11 11½, at 20s. per Cent, — — —						0	10	6	
Balance due to the Province, — — —						292	10	8	
								£	437 3 11

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee of Accounts last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —								£	809 11 7½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —							Cr.		
By sundry Charges, &c. on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.									
Deficiencies last Year,	£	22	10	7					
Ditto this Year, — —		67	15	11					
Ditto on Non-residents this Year, — — —		5	2	5					
Collectors Fees, — —		13	14	9½					
					£	109	3	8½	
Carried forward — —					£	109	3	8½	£ 809 11 7½

Brought forward — —					£	109	3	8½	£ 809 11 7½
By Cash paid to the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, Three Hundred and Sixteen Pounds 12s5. — — — — —						316	12	5	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £316-12 5, at 20s. per Cent, — — — —						3	3	4	
Balance due to the Province, — — —						380	12	2	
									£ 809 11 7½

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — —								£ 1,168 3 2
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —						Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.								
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — — —	£	0	16	3				
Collectors Fees — —		0	11	4½				
					£	1	7	7½
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — — —	£	39	3	0				
County Assessors ditto, — — — —		29	5	0				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —		79	5	0				
Clerks ditto and for Stationary, &c. —		44	2	8				
	£	191	15	8				
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at different times, One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds 15s1½ —		155	15	1½				
						347	10	9½
County Treasurer's Commissions on £347 10-9½, at 20s. per Cent,	£	3	9	6				
Mileage — — — — —		3	0	0				
						6	9	6
Balance due to the Province, — — —						812	15	3
								£ 1,168 3 2

Berks County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Christopher Witman*, Treasurer,

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —								£ 101 4 1
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —						Cr.		
1774. Sept. 5. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, One Hundred Pounds 4s. — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	100	4	0
County Treasurer's Commissions on £100-4 0, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — —						1	0	1
								£ 101 4 1

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — —				£ 1,381 9 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.	
By sundry Charges attending the Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.				
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — — —	£ 45 0 0			
Collectors Fees, — —	33 8 3			
		£ 78 8 3		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£ 27 4 6			
County Assessors ditto, — — — — —	22 5 0			
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —	52 17 6			
Clerks Fees and sundry Disbursements —	21 6 6			
	£ 123 13 6			
1774.				
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,				
Sept.				
5. One Thousand and Sixty-five Pounds and Four-pence, — — —	1,065 0 4			
		1,188 13 10		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £1,188-13 10, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — —	£ 11 17 8			
Mileage, — — — — —	1 9 0			
		13 6 8		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —		101 0 9		
				£ 1,381 9 6

Northampton County, for the Provincial Tax, *Herman Shnyder*, Treasurer,

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —				£ 1,052 12 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.	
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.				
Collectors Fees, — — — — — — — —		£ 26 6 3½		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£ 81 4 0			
County Assessors ditto, — — — —	21 19 3			
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —	55 12 3			
Clerks ditto, &c. —	37 7 6			
1774.				
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.				
March				
30. Sixty-three Pounds, — — —	£ 63 0 0			
Carried forward — —	£ 209 3 0	£ 26 6 3½		£ 1,052 12 0

Brought forward — —	£ 209 3 0	£ 26 6 3½	£ 1,052 12 0
May			
31. Five Hundred and Five Pounds, —	505 0 0		
Sept.			
7. Sixty-one Pounds Two Shillings, —	61 2 0		
		775 5 0	
County Treasurers Commissions on £775 5 0, at 20s. per Cent —	£ 7 15 0½		
Mileage, — — — — —	1 10 0		
		9 5 0½	
		£ 810 16 4	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —		241 15 8	
			£ 1,052 12 0

Bedford County, for the Provincial Taxes, *George Woods*, Esq; Treasurer,

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries included, — — — — — —			£ 1,347 4 4
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By the Honourable the Proprietaries for their Tax, charged to them at Settlement Sept. 1773. — — — — — —		£ 119 5 0	
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, viz.			
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —	£ 154 2 4		
Collectors Fees, — —	10 18 4½		
Allowance made George Woods by the County Commissioners, — — — —	15 0 0		
		180 0 8½	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£ 59 1 0		
County Assessors ditto, — — — —	87 10 0		
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —	66 0 0		
Clerks ditto, &c. —	24 6 4		
	£ 236 17 4		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Two Hundred Pounds — —	200 0 0		
		£ 436 17 4	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £436 17-4, at 20s. per Cent,	£ 4 7 4		
Mileage — — — — —	5 7 6		
		9 14 10	
		£ 745 17 10½	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —		601 6 5½	
			£ 1,347 4 4

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, the Tax of the Proprietaries included, — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	989 1 4
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries charged to them as Settlement last Year, — — — — — — — —			£	119 5 0		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, viz.						
Collectors Fees, — — — — — — — —				14 16 4		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£	105 0 0				
County Assessors ditto, — — — —		150 0 0				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —		87 0 0				
Clerks ditto, and Stationary, &c. —		30 14 0				
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.						
1773.						
Dec.						
7. One Hundred Pounds, — — —	£	100 0 0				
1774.						
Jan.						
26. One Hundred Pounds, — — —		100 0 0				
				572 14 0		
			£	706 5 4		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £572 14 0, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — —	£	5 14 6				
Mileage, — — — — — —		5 7 6				
				11 2 0		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —				271 14 0		
					£	989 1 4

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —					£	477 11 5
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, viz.						
Collectors Fees, — — — — — — — —			£	3 8 0		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — — —	£	22 4 6				
County Assessors ditto,		41 13 11				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — — —		46 10 0				
Clerks ditto, and Stationary, — — —		25 12 10				
			£	136 1 3		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £136 1 3, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — — —	£	1 7 3				
Mileage, — — — — — —		5 7 6				
				6 14 9		
			£	146 4 0		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — — —				331 7 5		
					£	477 11 5

Northumberland County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Alexander Hunter*, Treasurer,

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — —					£	853 1 5
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.						
Collectors Fees, — — — — — — — —			£	5 2 9		
Assessors Fees — —	£	40 0 0				
1774.						
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,						
Sept.						
19. Eighty Pounds Five Shillings and Eleven-pence, —		80 5 11				
				120 5 11		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £120 5 11, at 20s. per Cent, — — — — —	£	1 4 1				
Mileage, — — — — —		3 5 0				
				4 9 1		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —				723 3 8		
					£	853 1 5

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — —					£	1,102 12 4½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.						
Assessors Fees, — —	£	39 15 0				
1774.						
Sept.						
19. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Six Pounds 1s3 — — — —		6 1 3				
			£	45 16 3		
County Treasurers Commissions on £45 16 3, at 20s. per Cent, — — —	£	0 9 2				
Mileage, — — — —		3 5 2				
				3 14 2		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — —				1,053 1 11½		
					£	1,102 12 4½

THE Treasurer of the County of Westmoreland hath not exhibited any Account of the Provincial Tax for that County, nor paid any Money into the Provincial Treasury on that Account.

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the Honourable the* PROPRIETARIES.

The Estate of the Honourable the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as settled by the Commissioners of the respective Counties, Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province at Settlement last Year, exclusive of the Tax on their Lands in Chester County, on the 15th and 16th Eighteen-penny Taxes, and in the County of Northumberland on the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	921	18	10½
To Amount of their Tax in the 15th 18d. Tax in Chester County,	£	47	16 9				
To Amount of their Tax in 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, viz.							
Chester County, — —		47	16 9				
Northumberland County, — — — — —		225	5 10½				
					320	19	4½
To Amount of their Tax in the 17th Eighteen-penny Tax, viz.							
Philadelphia County,	£	144	6 0				
Bucks County, — —		30	12 0				
Chester County, — —		47	16 9				
Lancaster County, —		143	11 6				
York County, — — —		114	8 5				
Cumberland County, not brought in.							
Berks County, — —		162	15 0				
Northampton County,		132	13 10				
Bedford County, — —		75	0 0				
Northumberland County, — — — — — —		250	7 5¼				
Westmoreland County, not brought in.							
					1,101	10	11¼
						£	2,344 9 2¼
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —						Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Nine Hundred and Nineteen Pounds,				£	919	0 0	
Balance due to the Province, — —					1,425	9 2¼	
						£	2,344 9 2¼

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the EXCISE on* SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS *in the several Counties*, viz.

The Estate of *Joseph Stretch*, deceased, late Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	320	12	7½

Of which no Part hath been paid.

William Crispin, Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — —	£	543	14	11	
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1773, to July 1, 1774, — — — — — —		5,299	4	4	
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — —		357	0	0	
To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures,		63	15	0	
					£ 6,263 14 3
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — — — — — —	£	5,320	6	10	
By sundry Debts due from divers Persons, who are become Insolvents, as per List rendered, — — — — — — —		79	16	4	
By his Commissions on £5,320 6 10, at Five per Cent, — — — — — — —		266	0	4	
	£	5,666	3	6	
Balance due to the Province, — —		597	10	9	
					£ 6,263 14 3

John Woolston, Collector for *Bucks* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1773, to July 1, 1774, — — — — — —	£	508	19	4	
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — —		48	10	4	
					£ 557 9 8
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — — — — — —	£	501	15	0	
By his Commissions at Ten per Cent, —		55	14	8	
					£ 557 9 8

Charles Humphreys, late Collector for *Chester* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from August 1, 1773, to October 1, 1773, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£ 66 12 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,	£	59	18	10	
By his Commissions, at Ten per Cent,		6	13	2	
					£ 66 12 0

Thomas Tucker, present Collector for *Chester* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from October 1, 1773, to August 1, 1774, — — — — —	£	925	11	0	
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — —		80	13	4	
To a Moiety of two Fines, — — — —		5	0	0	
					£ 1,011 4 4
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry times, — — — — — — —	£	840	10	4	
By his Commissions, at Ten per Cent,		84	1	0	
Balance due to the Province, — —		86	13	0	
					£ 1,011 4 4

Sebastian Graaff, Collector for *Lancaster* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — —	£	331	12	5	
To Amount of Excise from July 10, 1773, to July 10, 1774, — — — —		1,154	16	4	
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — — — —		129	6	3	
To a Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures,		7	0	0	
					£ 1,622 15 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,	£	1,145	7	6	
By his Commissions, at Ten per Cent,		114	10	9	
Balance due to the Province, — — —		362	16	9	
					£ 1,622 15 0

Henry Miller, Collector for *York* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — —	£	101	0	0	
To Amount of Excise from Aug. 1, 1773, to Aug. 1, 1774, — — —	£ 234	18	0		
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — —	129	17	0		
		364	15	0	
					£ 465 15 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By sundry Debts due from divers Persons who are become insolvent, &c. as per List rendered, — — — — —	£	18	0	0	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,		334	0	0	
By his Commissions, at Ten per Cent,		33	8	0	
Balance due to the Province, — — —		80	7	0	
					£ 465 15 0

Thomas Beard, Collector for *Cumberland* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from August 1, 1769, to August 1, 1770, — — — —	£	73	10	0	
Ditto ditto from August 1, 1770, to August 1, 1771, — — — —		84	0	0	
Ditto ditto from August 1, 1771, to August 1, 1772, — — — —		66	10	0	
Ditto ditto from August 1, 1772, to August 1, 1773, — — — —		74	0	0	
					£ 298 0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, as reported by the Committee Sept. 22, 1770, — — — — — — — — —	£	36	2	6	
By ditto paid ditto, as reported September 21, 1771, — — — — — — — —		87	0	0	
By ditto paid ditto, as reported September 17, 1772, — — — — — — — —		81	9	9	
By ditto paid ditto, as reported September 27, 1773, — — — — — — — —		27	0	0	
By ditto paid ditto, December 4, 1773, — — £	30	0	0		
By ditto paid ditto, December 6, 1773, — —	3	11	9		
		33	11	9	
By an outstanding Debt of John Prentice, who proved insolvent, — — —		3	0	0	
By his Commissions, at Ten per Cent,		29	16	0	
					£ 298 0 0

Note. This Account was adjusted on the 6th of December last, and there remains to be accounted for by Thomas Beard, for the Excise since August 1, 1773, on Account of which he has paid to the Provincial Treasurer since the above Settlement, — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 64 0 0

The Estate of *Jasper Scull*, deceased, late Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, Of which no Part is paid. — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	135 10 2

John Biddle, present Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — —	£	94	8 0		
To Amount of Excise from August 4, 1773, to August 4, 1774, — — — — —		601	9 4		
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — — — —		55	5 6		
To a Moiety of a Forfeiture, — — —		2	5 0		
				£	753 7 10

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By an error in his last Year's Account, as by him rendered, — — — — — — —	£	48	6 9		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,		537	0 0		
By his Commissions at Ten per Cent, —		53	14 0		
Balance due to the Province, — —		114	7 1		
				£	753 7 10

Jesse Jones, Collector for *Northampton* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — —	£	25	7 0		
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1773, to July 1, 1774, — — — — — — — —		277	14 10		
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — —		36	0 0		
				£	339 1 10

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,	£	277	7 0		
By his Commissions, at Ten per Cent,		27	14 8		
Balance due to the Province, — — —		34	0 2		
				£	339 1 10

No Account of Excise has been rendered by Thomas Urie, Collector for the County of Bedford, for the last or the present Year, nor hath any Money been paid on Account thereof into the Provincial Treasury.

THOMAS LEMON, Collector of Excise for the County of Northumberland, hath not exhibited any Account for that County either for the last or the present Year, but we find he has paid the Provincial Treasurer on Account, £ 42 11 0

JAMES KINKEAD, Collector of Excise for the County of Westmoreland, hath not exhibited any Account of Excise for the last or present Year for that County.

STATE *of other* ACCOUNTS, *viz.*

Thomas Coombe, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for Building and Supporting a Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

TO Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia, from August 31, 1773, to August 30, 1774, — — — — — — — — — —				£	1,856 19 3
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at several Payments, — — — — —	£	1,745 10 11			
Commissions, at Six per Cent, — —		111 8 4			
				£	1,856 19 3

Thomas Coombe, on Account of the Monies received for the Hospital on the *Province Island*, in Pursuance of the Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province*," passed *January* 22, 1774, Dr.

TO Cash received of sundry Persons for 2,232 Passengers and Servants, arrived in different Vessels at Philadelphia, from April 17, 1774, to September 10, last, — — — — — — — — — —	£	55 16 0			
TO Balance due to Thomas Coombe, —		0 4 4			
				£	56 0 4
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,	£	54 13 0			
His Commissions at 2½ per Cent, —		1 7 4			
				£	56 0 4

THE Account of Negro Duty hath not been exhibited, but we find by last Year's Report there remained in the Hands of Thomas Coombe, Collector of those Duties, the Sum of — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 9 11 7

The outstanding Debts then uncollected being — — — — — — — — — —	£	407 10 0			
And we do further find, that he has paid the Provincial Treasurer, on Account, — — — — — — — — — —				£	112 0 0

The Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for Supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year,				£	52 4 4½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, — — — —				£	52 4 4½

The Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia*, appointed by Act of Assembly, passed the 26th of *February*, 1773, Dr.

TO Cash received of the Provincial Treasurer at different Times, before the Settlement of his Account the 26th Day of September, 1773, viz.
Out of the Monies arising on the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, — £1,100 0 0

Out of the £12,000, struck in Pursuance of the Act of Assembly, passed the 26th of February, 1773, — — —	7,000 0 0		
		£ 8,100 0 0	
To Cash received of the Provincial Treasurer at different Times since the Settlement with him, viz.			
Out of the Monies arising on the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, —	£1,000 0 0		
Out of the £12,000, struck in Pursuance of the said Act of Assembly, passed the 26th of February, 1773, — — — — —	4,900 0 0		
		5,900 0 0	
To Cash received for a Shallop's Mast,		1 0 0	
To the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for supporting the Light-house, the Balance in their Hands, at Settlement last Year, — — — —		52 4 4½	
			£14,053 4 4½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Cash paid sundry Persons for Materials, Workmanship, &c. for building a Kitchen at the Light-house, for Oil, &c. for the Light-house, for fixing Buoys, &c. as per Account, — — — — —	£ 913 7 10¾		
By Cash paid John Hitchcock his Wages, keeping the Lights to September 10, 1773,	107 14 4		
By ditto paid the same for the like Service, to the 10th of September, 1774, — — — —	130 0 0		
		£ 1,151 2 2¾	
By Cash paid sundry Persons for their Certificates, — — — —	£4,910 0 0		
Ditto for Interest thereon, — — — —	363 17 5		
		5,273 17 5	
By Cash paid sundry Persons for Materials and Workmanship on the Piers at Deep Water Island and at Reedy Island, &c. as per Account, — — —	£1,714 5 3		
By Cash paid sundry Orders on Account of Materials and Workmanship for the like Purposes, the Particulars of which to be accounted for at next Settlement, — — —	3,327 3 6		
		5,041 8 9	
		£11,466 8 4¾	
Balance in the Hands of the Wardens,		2,586 15 11¾	
			£14,053 4 4½

Samuel Penrose, Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province, as settled last Year, — — — — — — —	£	252	4	2			
To a Years Rent of the Province Island, due the 6th of September, 1774, —		401	0	0			
To one Year's Interest on £570, being the Amount of the new Improvement made on the said Island, as per Contract, — — — — — — — — — —		34	4	0			
					£	687	8 2
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.			
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — — — — — —	£	519	18	6			
Balance due to the Province, — — —		167	9	8			
					£	687	8 2

Joseph Fox, Barrack-Master in *Philadelphia,* Dr.

TO Cash received of the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — —	£	1,140	15	9½			
To Cash received of sundry Persons for 28 Cords of Wood, when the Regiment, lately quartered in the Barracks, marched off, — — — — — — — —		22	8	0			
	£	1,163	3	9½			
Balance due to Joseph Fox, — — —		160	16	8½			
					£	1,324	0 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.			
By Amount of his Account for Necessaries supplied the Soldiers, quartered in this City, in Firewood, Candles, Small-beer, &c. from September 16, 1773, to September 20, 1774, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	1,324	0 6

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of OWEN JONES,* PROVINCIAL TREASURER, *viz.*

On Account of the Duties and Tonnage, per Act of Assembly passed 1758, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, —					£	2	10 7½

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

On Account of the *Province Island,* Dr.

TO Balance in his Hands, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — —	£	381	9	6½			
To Cash received of Thomas Coombe, being Monies by him collected from sundry Persons, in Pursuance of the Act of Assembly, entituled, "An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province," — — —		54	13	0			
To Cash received of Samuel Penrose, at sundry Times, — — — — — — —		519	18	6			
					£	956	1 0½

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

1773.
Dec.
25. By Cash paid Samuel Rhoads, Esq; per Order, for Support of Negro Dublin, &c. — — — — — — £ 10 0 0
1774.
Feb.
14. By Cash ditto, for Support of Negro Dublin, — — — — — 10 0 0
March
25. By ditto paid Richard Armit, — per Order, — — — — — — 7 1 10
April
1. By ditto paid Edward Bonsall, — ditto — — — — — — — — 20 0 0
16. By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, jun. — ditto — — — — — — — — 71 5 9
21. By ditto paid Richard Armit, — ditto — — — — — — — — — 6 6 6
May
11. By ditto paid William Robeson, — ditto — — — — — — — — 17 0 0
12. By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, jun. — ditto — — — — — — — — 61 0 0
June
4. By ditto paid James Lees, — ditto — — — — — — — — — 6 0 0
18. By ditto paid Edward Bonsall, — ditto — — — — — — — — 40 0 0
25. By ditto paid ditto, — ditto — 10 6 8
Aug.
13. By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, jun. — ditto — — — — — — — — 3 14 8
29. By ditto paid Isaac Weaver, — ditto — — — — — — — — — 45 0 0
Sept.
19. By ditto paid Francis Bouchier, — ditto — — — — — — — — 5 0 0
By ditto paid ditto, — — ditto 4 10 6

£ 317 5 11

By his Commissions, at Five per Cent, — — — — — — — — 15 17 3½
Balance due to the Province, — 622 17 10

£ 956 1 0½

On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

TO Cash received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, — — — £ 112 0 0

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

1774.
Aug.
25. By Cash paid for Robert M'Kees, Negro Slave, per Order certified by Emanuel Carpenter and Isaac Saunders, Esquires, — — £ 70 0 0
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, 41 8 10
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent, — — — — — — — — — 0 11 2

£ 112 0 0

On Account of the Act for granting £24,000 to the King's Use, Dr.

TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 701 11 0

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, for Building and Supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year,	£	1,015	14	5		
To Cash received of Thomas Coombe in several Payments, — — — — —		1,745	10	11		
					£ 2,761	5 4
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Cash paid Peter Reeve, per Order of the Wardens of the Port, — — —	£	1,000	0	0		
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,		5	0	0		
Balance due to the Province, —		1,756	5	4		
					£ 2,761	5 4

On Account of the Act for raising and applying £3,000, towards removing *Indian* Discontents, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, —					£	3 9 0
Which Sum remains in his Hands.						

On Account of the Excise on Spirituous Liquors, Dr.

TO Cash received of William Crispin, Collector for Philadelphia County,	£	5,320	6	10		
of John Woolston, ———— Bucks,		501	15	0		
of Charles Humphreys, late Collector for Chester, — — — — — — — —		59	18	10		
of Thomas Tucker, present Collector for ditto, — — — — — — — — —		840	10	4		
of Sebastian Graaff, Collector for Lancaster, — — — — — — — — — —		1,145	7	6		
of Henry Miller, ———— York, —		334	0	0		
of Thomas Beard, ———— Cumberland, — — — — — — — — — — —		97	11	9		
of John Biddle, ————Berks, — —		537	0	0		
of Jesse Jones, ———— Northampton,		277	7	0		
of Thomas Urie, ———— Bedford.						
of Thomas Lemon, ———— Northumberland, — — — — — — — — — —		42	11	0		
of James Kinkead, ———— Westmoreland.						
					£ 9,156	8 3
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt as follows, viz.						
Of the Bills, issued per Act passed March 20, 1767, being Part of the £ 20,000, — — — — — — — — — —	£	624	0	0		
Of the Bills, issued per Act passed February 18, 1769, being Part of the £ 16,000, — — — — — — — — — —		3,805	12	0		
Of the Bills, issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, being Part of the £ 7,000, in the same Act mentioned,		1,603	3	9		
Of the Bills, issued per Act passed March 21, 1772, being Part of the £25,000 — — — — — — — — —		2,687	12	1½		
	£	8,720	7	10½		
By his Commissions on £ 8,720 7 10½, at Five per Cent, — — — — — — —		436	0	4½		
					£ 9,156	8 3

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes, Dr.

TO Cash received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland County, — — — —	£	40	2	5				
To ditto of William Matthews, Administrator of the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, late Treasurer for York County, — — — — — — — —		451	4	4½				
					£	491	6	9½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.				
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	490	2	3				
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,		1	4	6½				
					£	491	6	9½

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland County, — — — — — — — — — —					£	148	8	0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.				
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	148	0	8				
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,		0	7	4				
					£	148	8	0

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland County, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	166	1	4
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.				
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	165	13	1				
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,		0	8	3				
					£	166	1	4

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, for Philadelphia County, — — — —	£	125	18	2				
of Joseph Chapman, Bucks — — —		4	19	4				
of James Gibbons, Chester — — —		134	14	6				
of John Montgomery, Cumberland —		51	16	11½				
of George Woods, Bedford, — — —		200	0	0				
					£	517	8	11½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.				
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	516	3	1½				
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,		1	5	10				
					£	517	8	11½

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due and remaining in his Hands, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — —	£	9,646	1	7¾	
To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, for Philadelphia County, — — — —		4,538	18	11	
of Joseph Chapman, Bucks — — —		445	18	6½	
of James Gibbons, Chester — — —		1,515	14	8½	
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£	16,146	13	9¾	

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£16,146 13 9¾		
of Christian Wirtz, Lancaster — —	1,291 7 8½		
of Michael Swoope, York — — —	430 19 10		
of John Montgomery, Cumberland —	316 12 5		
of Christopher Witman, Berks — —	100 4 0		
of George Woods, Bedford — — —	200 0 0		
of Alexander Hunter, Northumberland	80 5 11		
		£ 18,566	3 8¼

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — —	£ 15,843 17 10½		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,	39 12 2¼		
	£ 15,883 10 0¾		
Balance remaining in his Hands, to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be burnt and destroyed according to Law, — — — — — —	2,682 13 7½		
		£ 18,566	3 8¼

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, for Philadelphia County, — — —	£ 5,178 16 11		
of Joseph Chapman, Bucks — — —	1,544 6 11		
of James Gibbons, Chester — — —	1,386 18 11		
of Christian Wirtz, Lancaster — —	1,989 2 5½		
of Michael Swoope, York — — — —	884 5 6		
of John Montgomery, Cumberland —	155 15 1½		
of Christopher Witman, Berks — —	1,065 0 4		
of Herman Snyder, Northampton —	629 2 0		
of George Woods, Bedford.			
of Alexander Hunter, Northumberland	6 1 3		
of —— —— Westmoreland.			
		£ 12,839	9 5

Which Sum of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Five-pence remains also in his Hands, to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be burnt and destroyed according to Law.

On Account of the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries, Dr.

TO Cash received of Edmund Physick, Esq; — — — —		£ 919	0 0

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — —	£ 916 14 2		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,	2 5 10		
		£ 919	0 0

On Account of the £5,000, appropriated for defraying *Indian* Treaties, per Act passed the 14th of *May*, 1762, Dr.

TO Balance on this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — —		£ 331	12 3
Which Sum remains in his Hands.			

On Account of the Act for raising the Sum of £15,000, for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, passed the 9th of *March*, 1771, Dr.

TO Balance on this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — —			£ 2,776 1 8½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Cash paid the following Orders of the Commissioners, viz.			
John Palmer, — — — — — — — — —	£ 800 0 0		
John Palmer, — — — — — — — — —	1,000 0 0		
Robert Erwin, for hauling Cannon, —	8 13 0		
John Palmer, — — — — — — — — —	960 10 3		
	£ 2,769 3 3		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent,	6 18 5½		
			£ 2,776 1 8½

On Account of the Act for appropriating £5,000, to purchase Lots of Ground, adjoining the State-House Lots, passed *May* 14, 1762, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — —

On Account of the Act for raising £25,000, for the Support of Government passed the 21st of *March*, 1772, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 13,095 15 10

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid the following Certificates and Orders, viz.			
John Pope, Esq; for Inspection of public Taxes, — — — — —	£ 7	0	0
William Edmonds, Esq; ditto — — — — —	7	0	0
James Webb, Esq; ditto	6	10	0
Robert Levers, Esq; Indian Expences, —	10	9	9
William Bausman, Barrack-Master at Lancaster, — — — — —	20	0	0
Andrew M'Nair, Doorkeeper, — — — —	19	4	8
Michael Hillegas, Indian Expences, — —	82	5	8
Samuel Rhoads, Esq; his Service on the Committee of Accounts, — — — —	11	0	0
Samuel Rhoads, Esq; for Pumps and Firebuckets at the State-House, — — — —	90	2	3½
Samuel Rhoads, Esq; levelling for inland Navigation, — — —	81	18	0
William Sheed, Serjeant at Arms, — —	10	0	0
William Sheed, Doorkeeper to the Council,	3	15	0
Joseph Penrose, Expences of Road from Reading to Augusta,	200	0	0
Alexander St. Clair, Esq; paid for Express to General Gage, — —	25	0	0
The Honourable Richard Penn, Esq; Two Certificates, — — — — —	1,000	0	0
Overseers of the Poor of Philadelphia, for the French Neutrals,	100	0	0
William Allen, Esq; Chief Justice, — —	200	0	0
Andrew Allen, Esq; Attorney General, — —	75	0	0
Joseph Shippen, Esq; Clerk of the Council,	30	0	0
Ditto for Proclamations, — — — — —	13	6	3
Ditto for Postage of Letters, — — — —	3	18	5½
Ditto for Indian Expences, — — — —	25	15	9
William Parr, Esq; Master of the Rolls,	13	10	4
Isaac Pearson, Esq; inspecting the public Taxes, — — — — —	1	10	0
Ditto Service on the public Accounts, —	12	0	0
Carried forward — —	£2,049	6	2

£13,095 15 10

Brought forward — —	£2,049	6	2	£13,095 15 10
John Lawrence, Esq; Assistant-Judge, — —	150	0	0	
John Sellers, Esq; Levelling for inland Navigation, — — — — —	6	15	0	
The Honourable John Penn, Esq; — — —	600	0	0	
Edward Duffield, his Account for attending the State-House Clock,	20	15	0	
Abel Evans, Assistant-Clerk to the House, —	30	0	0	
Philosophical Society, per Thomas Coombe,	250	0	0	
Joseph Fox, Esq; Barrack-Master in Philadelphia, — — — —	60	0	0	
Franklin and Hall, for Votes of Assembly, —	179	11	0	
Estate of David Hall, for Stationary, — —	4	10	0	
Hall and Sellers, for printing Laws, &c. —	62	7	6	
Doctor Phineas Bond, for Attendance on French Neutrals, — —	175	4	0	
David Rittenhouse, levelling for inland Navigation, &c. — — —	41	15	11	
Benjamin Chapman, Esq; on public Accounts, — — — — —	5	0	0	
Adam Bitting, for pursuing Persons suspected of counterfeiting Money, — — — —	15	4	2	
Joseph Galloway, Esq; Extra Services, — —	75	0	0	
Jacob Snair, Indian Expences, — — — — —	10	0	0	
Michael Hillegas, Extra Services, — — — —	20	0	0	
Ditto Service on public Accounts — — —	12	0	0	
Charles Moore, Esq; Clerk of the Assembly,	195	7	0	
Benjamin Franklin, Esq; £400 Sterling, at 70 per Cent, — — — —	680	0	0	
Samuel Shoemaker, Esq; Services on the Accounts, — — — — —	9	0	0	
Henry Miller, Printing of Votes, — — — —	77	8	0	
Thomas Willing, Esq; Judges Expences on the Circuit, — — —	26	18	5	
Managers for the House of Employ for C. Smith, — — — —	75	0	0	
Thomas Willing, Esq; Judges Expences on the Circuit, — — —	32	10	7	
Thomas Mifflin, Esq; Services on the Accounts, — — — — — —	5	10	0	
Thomas Willing, Esq; Assistant-Judge, — —	150	0	0	
Joseph Ellicot, Esq; inspecting public Taxes,	2	0	0	
Carried forward — —	£5,021	2	9	£13,095 15 10

Brought forward — —	£5,021	2	9		£13,095 15 10
Joseph Galloway, Esq; Postage of Letters, —	1	3	0		
Judah Foulke, Esq; Judges Expences, —	7	7	4		
Thomas Willing, Esq; Judges Expences, —	9	7	10		
John Logan, [an Indian]	18	0	0		
Thomas Willing, Esq; Expences of Judges,	65	0	9		
Benjamin Chew, Esq; Judges Expences, —	31	11	1		
George Gray, Esq; inspecting public Taxes,	6	0	0		
Samuel Preston Moore, Esq; Disbursements on the £150,000, — —	60	18	0		
Edmund Physick, affixing Seals, — — — —	10	7	0		
Frederick Bicking, Paper for the £150,000, — — — —	75	12	0		
John Winter, painting Fire-buckets belonging to the State-House, —	15	0	0		
John Montgomery, Esq; Expenses for Rangers,	85	10	1		
Peter Cline, for Expresses, — — — —	6	0	0		
William Thompson, Esq; on Account of the Rangers, — — — —	1,000	0	0		
John Montgomery, Esq; ditto — — — — —	55	2	5		
John Palmer, his Balance, — — — — —	849	16	2		
Joseph Galloway, Esq; Provincial Commissioner, — — — — — —	15	0	0		
Benjamin Chew, Esq; ditto, — — — — —	15	0	0		
Joseph Fox, Esq; ditto,	15	0	0		
Thomas Cadwallader, Esq; ditto — — — —	15	0	0		
Michael Hillegas, ditto	15	0	0		
Elizabeth Baynton, for her late Husband, —	15	0	0		
The Honourable John Penn, Esq; for Disbursements, — — —	43	4	2		
				£ 7,451	2 7
By his Commissions on £7,451 2 7, at 5s. per Cent, — — — — — — — —				18	12 6
By his Commissions on £1,140 15 9½, the late Balance on the Account of the £4,000, granted to his Majesty, per Act passed March 24, 1772, and omitted to be charged in that Account,				2	17 0
				£ 7,472	12 1
Balance due to the Province, —				5,623	3 9
					£13,095 15 10

On Account of the £12,000, struck for the Use of the Light-house, building Piers, &c. per Act passed the 26th of *February*, 1773, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee last Year, —				£	4,965 0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By Cash paid Peter Reeve, per several Orders of the Wardens of the Port,	£	4,900	0 0		
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,		24	10 0		
Balance due, — — — — — — — —		40	10 0		
				£	4,965 0 0

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, We find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Six Hundred and Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six-pence, viz.

On Account of Duties and Tonnage, per Act passed 1758, — — — — — — — —	£	2	10	7½
On Account of the Province Island, —		622	17	10
On Account of the £24,000, granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763,		701	11	0
On Account of Duties on Tonnage, for supporting the Light-house, — — —		1,756	5	4
On Account of the £3,000, appropriated for removing Indian Discontents, —		3	9	0
On Account of the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be destroyed according to Law, —		2,682	13	7½
On Account of the 17th Eighteen-penny Tax, which likewise remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be destroyed as aforesaid,		12,839	9	5
On Account of the £5,000, appropriated for Indian Treaties, — — — — — —		331	12	3
On Account of the £5,000, appropriated for purchasing Ground adjoining the State-House Lot, — — — — — — —		998	10	8
On Account of the £25,000, granted for Support of Government, per Act passed the 21st of March, 1772, — —		5,623	3	9
On Account of the £12,000, issued per Act of Assembly, passed February 26, 1773, — — — — — — — — — — — —		40	10	0
			£	25,602 13 6

Which Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Six Hundred and Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six-pence the Provincial Treasurer produced to the Committee in Gold and Silver, and in Paper Bills of Credit of this and the neighbouring Provinces, which we counted.

WE have received of the Treasurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit, Part of the £14,000, issued per Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, the Sum of — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 712 15 0

Which Sum we have burnt and destroyed according to Law.

We have likewise received of the Treasurer, appointed by the Commissioners elected by Virtue of the Act passed in the 9th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled, "An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleaning the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, &c. of the City of Philadelphia," the Sum of Five Hundred and Ninety Pounds, being the Remainder of the second Year's Payment of the £8,000, Part of the £15,000, raised by Act of Assembly, passed the 9th of March, 1771.

Received also of the same Treasurer the Sum of One Hundred and Sixty-nine Pounds Ten Shillings, being Part of the third Year's Payment of the £8,000 aforesaid.

Which Sums of £590 and £169 10 0, being of the proper Bills of Credit, issued in Pursuance of the said Act, passed the 9th of March, 1771, we have burnt and destroyed according to Law.

The remaining Part of the Third Year's Payment, required to be sunk according to Law, is partly collected, and remains in the Hands of the said Treasurer, ready to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit.

The AMOUNT of the Paper Bills of Credit, burnt and destroyed by the Committee of Assembly this Year, is £29,483 12 10½, *viz.*

ON Account of the Quotas received by Samuel Preston Moore, on the old Mortgages in his Hands on Behalf of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, — — —		£ 1,169 0 0
On Account of the Provincial Taxes, *viz.*		
On the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries, — — — —	£ 916 14 2	
On Negro Duty, — —	41 8 10	
On the 10th, 11th and 12th Eighteen-penny Taxes, — — — — —	490 2 3	
On the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — —	148 0 8	
On the 14th ditto — —	165 13 1	
On the 15th ditto — —	516 3 1½	
On the 16th ditto — —	15,843 17 10½	
		18,122 0 0
On Excise as follows, *viz.*		
Of the Bills, Part of the £20,000, issued per Act passed May 20, 1767, — — — —	£ 624 0 0	
Of the Bills, Part of the £16,000, issued per Act passed Feb. 18, 1769, — — — —	3,805 12 0	
Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, Part of the £7,000, in the same Act mentioned, — —	1,603 3 9	
Of the Bills, Part of the £25,000, issued per Act passed March 21, 1772, — — — —	2,687 12 1½	
		8,720 7 10½
On Account of the £14,000, issued by Act of Assembly passed Feb-		
Carried forward — —		£ 8,720 7 10½

Brought forward — —		£ 8,720 7 10½	
ruary 18, 1769, for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit of that Emission, — — — — — — — — — —		712 15 0	
On Account of the £8,000, Part of the £15,000, issued by Act of Assembly passed the 9th of March, 1771, in Bills of Credit of that Emission received of the Treasurer, appointed by the City Commissioners as before mentioned, viz.			
The Remainder of their second Payment, —	£ 590 0 0		
And in Part of their third Payment, — —	169 10 0		
		759 10 0	
			£29,483 12 10½

DEBTS OUTSTANDING, *due to the Province.*

On Account of the Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

FROM			
Philadelphia County,			
on the 17th Eighteen-penny Tax, —		£ 5,800 13 7¾	
Bucks County,			
on the 17th ditto, — — — — —		569 7 0	
Chester County,			
on the 16th ditto,	£ 114 17 3½		
on the 17th ditto,	1,991 13 0		
		2,106 10 3½	
Lancaster County, on the 17th ditto,		1,150 15 6	
York County,			
on the 12th ditto,	£ 181 10 6		
on Estates of Non-residents, — — —	340 11 6½		
on the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, —	57 2 5		
on the 17th ditto,	689 19 8		
		1,269 4 1½	
Cumberland County,			
on the 10th, 11th and 12th 18d. Taxes, — — —	£ 243 0 6¾		
on the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, —	264 16 7		
on the 14th ditto,	177 7 3½		
on the 15th ditto,	292 10 8		
on the 16th ditto,	380 12 2		
on the 17th ditto,	812 15 3		
		2,171 2 6¼	
Berks County,			
on the 17th ditto, — — — — —		101 0 9	
Northampton County,			
on the 17th ditto, — — — — —		241 15 8	
Bedford County,			
on the 15th ditto,	£ 601 6 5½		
on the 16th ditto,	271 14 0		
on the 17th ditto,	331 7 5		
		1,204 7 10½	

Northumberland Co.					
on the 16th ditto,	£ 723	3	8		
on the 17th ditto,	1,053	1	11½		
				1,776 5 7½	
Westmoreland County,					
on the 17th ditto,					
not brought in.					
The Honourable the Proprietaries, exclusive of their Taxes in the several Counties not brought in. — — —				1,425 9 2¼	
					£17,816 12 2¼

On Account of Excise, *viz.*

From the Estate of Joseph Stretch, late Collector of Philadelphia County,	£	320	12	7½	
William Crispin, present Collector of ditto, — — — — — — — —		597	10	9	
Thomas Tucker, Collector for Chester County, — — — — —		86	13	0	
Sebastian Graaff, ditto for Lancaster County, — — — — — —		362	16	9	
Henry Miller ditto for York County, — — — — — — — — —		80	7	0	
Thomas Beard, ditto for Cumberland County [not settled.]					
The Estate of Jasper Scull, late Collector for Berks County, —		135	10	2	
John Biddle, present Collector for ditto, — — — — — — — —		114	7	1	
Jesse Jones Collector for Northampton County, — — — — —		34	0	2	
Thomas Urie, ditto for Cumberland County [not settled.]					
Thomas Lemon, ditto for Northumberland County [not settled.]					
James Kinkead, ditto for Bedford County [not settled.]					1,731 17 6½

Also,

From the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, — — — — — — — —	£	2,586	15	11¾	
Samuel Penrose's Balance of Rent of the Provincial Island, — —		167	9	8	
Thomas Coombe, on Account of Negro Duty, [not settled.]					2,754 5 7¾

Besides the following Debts, reported by former Committees, *viz.*

From the Commissioners appointed by Law for clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill,	£	22	0	7½	
The Estate of Richard Pearne, deceased, — — — — — — — —		1,818	5	11	
The Commissioners of the Indian Trade, — — — — — — — —		3,056	5	3	
					4,896 11 9½
					£27,199 7 2

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the House, by September 26, 1774.

SAMUEL RHOADS,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS, BENJAMIN CHAPMAN
SAMUEL MILES, ISAAC PEARSON."

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

September 28, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *John Jacobs* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

A Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Sum of Money granted last Year by the Legislature for the Relief and Support of such aged, sick and infirm Neutrals as are yet Residents in the said City, is wholly laid out for the Purpose for which it was granted, as by the Accounts herewith laid before the House will appear;—that the Remonstrants therefore think it their Duty to inform the Honourable House, that there is at present a considerable Number of the said Neutrals, who, from their Age, Sickness or Infirmities, are incapable of supporting themselves, and must suffer greatly, unless speedy and constant Supplies are afforded them in such Manner as their particular Circumstances may from Time to Time require:—That the Remonstrants therefore request the House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them shall appear necessary.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Accounts attending the foregoing Remonstrance be referred to the Committee of Incidental Expences for Examination.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of the Twenty-sixth Instant, and after some Debate thereon, the Question being put by the Speaker, Whether One Hundred Men (Officers included) of the Rangers, now employed on the Frontiers, shall be kept up and continued in Pay till the Meeting of the next Assembly?

Carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That it be, and it is hereby recommended to the succeeding Assembly to make Provision for paying and victualling the said One Hundred Rangers until the 14th of *October* next.

An Answer to his Honour's Message being then drawn at the Table, and agreed to, it was ordered to be transcribed.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government*

of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts," reported, that they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration.

The Committee for Incidental Expences reported a List of the Accounts and Salaries of the past Year, which was taken into Consideration by the House, and Motion being made for raising the Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the Allowance to the said Officers shall be increased to *Four Hundred Pounds* for the late and present Chief Justice, and *Five Hundred Pounds* to the Assistant Judges?

Carried in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

September 29, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," and acquainted the House, that he would be in the Council-Chamber at Five o'Clock this Afternoon, to enact the said Bill into a Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pearson* join with the Secretary in comparing the engrossed Copy of the said Bill with its Original.

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message being transcribed according to Order, was signed by the Speaker, and is as follows, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

THE House taking into their Consideration your Message of the Twenty-sixth Instant, recommending the Expediency of keeping up the Troops employed by this Government, "or a Part of them," have agreed to continue One Hundred Men (Officers included) until the Meeting of the next Assembly, and have recommended it over to that Assembly, to make Provision for their Support and Maintenance.

Signed by Order of the House,

September 29, 1774. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Miles* wait on the Governor, and deliver the above Message.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of the *French* Neutrals, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Provincial Treasurer do pay into the Hands of the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*

the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, for Relief and Support of the said French Neutrals.

Mr. *Pearson* reported, he had assisted the Secretary in comparing the engrossed Copy of the Supply Bill with its Original, and found them to agree.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message, reported, they had delivered the same according to Order.

The Commitee appointed in *January* last to examine the Machine constructed by *Arthur Donaldson*, of this City, for deepening and cleansing of Docks, *&c.* made a Report thereon in Writing, which being presented at the Table, was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

IN Obedience to the Order of the House, we have viewed the Machine invented and made by *Arthur Donaldson*, for raising Mud or Gravel in deep Water, and discharging the same above the Surface, have observed its Operation and Effects when applied to Use, and are of Opinion, that it will well answer the Purpose of cleansing Docks and removing Beds of Gravel, *&c.* and that the Inventor of this very useful Machine ought to be recommended to the particular Notice of the next Assembly, for that public Encouragement which his Merit entitles him to.

September 29, 1774.

SAMUEL RHOADS,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS, SAMUEL MILES,
JOSEPH FERREE, JOSEPH ELLICOTT,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS, WILLIAM RODMAN."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

Resolved, That the same be, and it is hereby recommended to the Notice of the succeeding Assembly.

A Message by Mr. SECRETARY.

"SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the Speaker and the House, to enact into a Law the Bill returned with his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, they had waited on his Honour, and presented the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," to which he had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into a Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* do see the

Great Seal affixed to the said Law, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

The Trustees of the *Province Island* reported, "That, agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Assembly, entituled "*An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province*," they have appointed a careful Person to reside in, and be Keeper of, the Hospital on the said Island, and caused the necessary Repairs to be made therein;—that they have provided some Bedding, and other Necessaries, for the Accommodation of the Sick, but that more are still requisite;—that, in Obedience to the Order of the House, they have procured Stones, and engaged Workmen, for repairing the Wharff on the *Delaware* Front of the said Island, have levelled from the Creek near the Dwelling-house to the River *Schuylkill*, and find it practicable to drain the same for about *Fifty* or *Sixty Pounds*."

They likewise report, "That the Doctors, being present at the Survey, recommend draining the same as highly necessary to the Health of the People residing on the said Island, and have advised the Trustees that a Kitchen should be built near the said Hospital, for the better Accommodation thereof, it being much wanted."

The House taking the said Report into Consideration,

Ordered, That the Trustees do cause the said Wharff to be fully repaired, provide such further Necessaries as may be wanted, and draw on the Provincial Treasurer for the Amount of the same, to be paid out of the Monies arising from the Rent of the said Island, and that the Remainder of their Report be referred to the Consideration of the next Assembly.

The House resumed the Consideration of the List of Incidental Expences, which being examined, and the Accounts therein referred to allowed by the House, Mr. Speaker, in the Chair, signed the several Orders and Certificates for Payment of the Wages of the Members and Committees, together with the Salaries of Officers, and other contingent Charges of the past Year.

The House then adjourned to the Thirtieth Instant.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, for the Year 1774.

TO the Honourable *JOHN PENN*, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, — — —

To *William Allen*, Esq; late Chief Justice, and *Benjamin Chew*, Esq; the present Chief Justice of this Province, — — — — — — — — —	400	0	0
To *John Lawrence*, Esq; one of the Assistant-Judges, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	200	0	0
To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; ditto, — — — — — —	200	0	0
To *John Morton*, Esq; for Part of the Year ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	100	0	0
To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for Extra Services,	75	0	0
To *Andrew Allen*, Esq; his Salary as Attorney General, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	75	0	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts, 24 Days, at 10*s.*	12	0	0
To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; for ditto, 19 Days, —	9	10	0
To *Samuel Miles*, Esq; for ditto, 19 Days, —	9	10	0
To *Thomas Mifflin*, Esq; for ditto, 4 Days, —	2	0	0
To *Benjamin Chapman*, Esq; for ditto, 17 Days,	8	10	0
To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for ditto, 23 Days, —	11	10	0
To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of the House, and for transcribing and engrossing Laws, Votes, Messages, *&c. &c. &c.*	175	3	6
To Mr. *Abel Evans*, for his Services as Assistant-Clerk to the House, — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
To *Joseph Shippen*, jun. Esq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
To ditto, for his Account of Postage of Letters on public Affairs, — — — — — — — — — —	8	5	5
To ditto, for his Account of Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations, and Stationary for the Governor and Council, — — — — — — — —	26	0	3
To Mr. *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the State-house Clock, *&c.* — — — — — — — — —	20	15	0
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq, his Salary as Barrack-Master, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	60	0	0
To Mr. *William Bowsman*, his Salary as Barrack-Master at *Lancaster*, — — — — — — — —	20	0	0
To *Edmund Physick*, Esq; as Keeper of the Great Seal, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9	6	0
To *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls, as per Account, — — — — — — — — — — — —	9	7	1
To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c.* as per Account, — — —	26	4	6
To the Estate of Mr. *David Hall*, deceased, for Stationary for the House, — — — — — — — —	5	7	0

To *William Sheed*, Serjeant at Arms, for his Services to the House, — — — — — — — — —	10	0	0
To ditto, for his Services as Doorkeeper to the Council, — — — — — — — — — — — —	4	7	6
To *Andrew M'Nair*, for his Attendance as Doorkeeper to the House, — — — — — — — — —	18	15	10
To ditto, for his Account of *Indian* Expences,	3	10	4
To Mr. *Henry Miller*, for printing the Fourth Volume of Votes, as per Account, — — —	483	15	0
To ditto, for printing Votes, Advertisements, *&c.* as per Account, — — — — — — — — —	76	2	6
To Mr. *Benjamin Loxley*, for his Trouble and Expences in unspiking Cannon, — — — —	219	11	5
To *George Dunlap*, for paving round the Pumps at the State-house, — — — — — — — — —	2	5	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for *Indian* Expences,	4	17	0
To ditto, for Cash paid to Clerks on Tax-Books,	2	5	0
To Mr. *Matthew Clarkson*, as Clerk to the late Provincial Commissioners, — — — — — —	4	18	3
To Mr. Matthew Clarkson, for examining Tax-Books, as per Account, — — — — — — — —	12	19	6
To Mr. *Samuel Ridley*, for glazing the State-house Windows, — — — — — — — — — — —	7	16	0
To Mr. *Thomas Morris*, for mending the State-house Windows, — — — — — — — — — — —	1	5	0
To Mr. *Samuel Taylor*, for binding Votes of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — — — —	51	8	3
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; the Balance of his Account of Sundries supplied the Barracks, —	160	16	8½
To Doctor *William Kinnersley*, for the Cure of *John Hendricks*, a friendly *Indian*, — —	10	0	0
To Mr. *William Murdock*, for lodging and boarding the said *Indian*, — — — — — — —	6	15	0
To Mr. *Reuben Haines*, for Sundries bought for ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	0	16	11
To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; Balance of his Account of Disbursements, — — — — — — — —	1	11	4
To Mr. *William Bowsman*, for Sundries for the *Lancaster* Barracks, as per Account, — — —	6	6	6
To *William M'Clay*, Esq; for *Indian* Expences at Fort *Augusta*, — — — — — — — — — —	10	10	0
To *John Morton*, Esq; Provincial Commissioner,	15	0	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for Extra Services,	75	0	0
To Mr. *Daniel Evans*, for Smiths Work, — —	0	7	6
To Mr. *Evan Peters*, for mending Pumps, — —	0	12	6

To Mr. *Daniel Richards*, for his Account of Carpenters Work, — — — — — — — — — —	2	3	0
To *William Thompson*, Esq; for *Indian* Expences, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	15	5	1
To ditto, for ditto, expended by Colonel *Croghan*, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	30	13	4
To ditto, on Account of Rangers, — — — — —	682	19	2
To *Arthur St. Clair*, Esq; for Presents made the *Indians*, &c. — — — — — — — — — —	81	5	9
To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, for Support of Neutrals, — —	100	0	0
To the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; for Disbursements, — — — — — — — — — — — —	43	4	2
To Mr. *John Winter*, for painting Fire-buckets for the State-house, — — — — — — — —	15	0	0
To *John Montgomery*, Esq; for his Account of Expences for Rangers, — — — — — — —	85	10	1
To Mr. *Peter Cline*, for Expresses, — — — —	6	0	0
To *William Thompson*, Esq; on Account of Rangers, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,000	0	0
To *John Montgomery*, Esq; on Account of ditto,	55	2	5
To Mr. *John Palmer*, for the Balance of his Account, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	849	16	2
To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; Provincial Commissioner, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	15	0	0
To *Benjamin Chew*, Esq; ditto, — — — — —	15	0	0
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; ditto, — — — — — — —	15	0	0
To *Thomas Cadwalader*, Esq; ditto, — — — —	15	0	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; ditto, — — — — —	15	0	0
To Mrs. *Elizabeth Baynton*, for her late Husband, for Extra Services, — — — — — —	15	0	0
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WE, the Committee for Incidental Expences, have examined the several Accounts herein referred to, and find them charged as above.

Philadelphia, September 28, 1774.

GEORGE GRAY,
JOHN BROWN,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
JAMES EWING,
JOHN MONTGOMERY."

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1774, *P. M.*

BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the several Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected and chosen to serve in Assembly as Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, for the ensuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*
George Gray,
Henry Pawling,
John Dickinson,
Joseph Parker,
Israel Jacobs,
Jonathan Roberts,
Michael Hillegas,
Samuel Rhoads.

For the City of *Philadelphia.*
Thomas Mifflin,
Charles Thomson.

For the County of *Bucks.*
John Brown,
John Foulke,
William Rodman,
Benjamin Chapman,
Joseph Galloway,
Robert Kirkbride,
Gerardus Wynkoop,
John Haney.

For the County of *Chester.*
Benjamin Bartholomew,
John Jacobs,
Joseph Pennock,
James Gibbons,
Isaac Pearson,
Charles Humphreys,
John Morton,
Anthony Wayne.

For the County of *Lancaster.*
James Webb,
Joseph Ferree,
Matthias Slough,
George Ross.

For the County of *York.*
James Ewing,
Michael Swoope.

For the County of *Cumberland.*
William Allen,
John Montgomery.

For the County of *Berks.*
Edward Biddle,
Henry Chreist.

For the County of *Northampton.*
William Edmonds.

For the County of *Bedford.*
Bernhard Daugherty.

For the County of *Northumberland.*
Samuel Hunter.

For the County of *Westmoreland.*
William Thompson.

A Quorum of the Representatives being met, proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Edward Biddle*, Esq; was unanimously chosen Speaker for the ensuing Year, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that, pursuant to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Representatives being met, have

chosen a Speaker for the ensuing Year, and request to know at what Hour To-morrow his Honour will be pleased to receive the House, that they may present their Speaker for his Approbation.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 15, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would be in the Council-Chamber at Eleven o'Clock this Morning, to receive the House with their Speaker.

A Message *by Mr. Secretary.*

"SIR,

"The Governor is at the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House, to present their Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the House had waited on his Honour, and presented their Speaker, of whom the Governor had been pleased to approve, and that he (the Speaker) had then, in the Name and on Behalf of the House, claimed their usual Privileges, *viz.*

First, That the Members of the House, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propositions and Debates.

Secondly, That they may at all seasonable Times have free Access to the Governor, the better to enable them to discharge the Business of the Public.

Thirdly, That their Persons and Estates may be free from all Manner of Arrests, Molestations and Injuries during the Time of accustomed Privilege.

Fourthly, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the House, until the same shall be passed into Resolves, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

Fifthly, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be excused and not imputed to the House, but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and of reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charter of the said Province; and that the Governor was pleased to

say, "They were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, in which they might rely on his Protection."

The Qualification by Law appointed to be taken by Members of Assembly, and the Test of Abjuration, being prepared, were then taken and subscribed, first by Mr. Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards by the Members present in their Order.

The House then proceeding, as usual, to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the ensuing Year,

Resolved, N. C. D. That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk of this House, for the ensuing Year. And he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

Resolved, That *Abel Evans* be, and he is hereby appointed Assistant-Clerk to the House, for the ensuing Year. And he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

Resolved, That *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this House, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Doorkeeper to the House, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Owen Jones*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Province, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Galloway*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Morton*, with the Speaker, be a Committee of Correspondence, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee of Grievances, for the ensuing Year; and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, as Occasions may require.

Resolved, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and other public Accounts, of the ensuing Year; and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers and Records by the Serjeant at Arms to this House, in order that the said Accounts be fully adjusted and made ready to be laid before the House on the first Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

Resolved, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Allen*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise and correct the Minutes of this House, for the ensuing Year, before they are printed.

Resolved, That the said Minutes of the Proceedings of this House be printed and published Weekly, being first revised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose; and that the

Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

Resolved, That if any four Members, upon the Decision of a Question, shall desire to have the Yeas and Nays, with the Names of the Members, entered on the Minutes of the House, it shall be allowed.

Resolved, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province, for the ensuing Year, to solicit and transact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*.

Resolved, That *Joseph Fox*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the *Northern-Liberties* of this City, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Wiillam Bowsman*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the said Borough, for the ensuing Year.

A Petition from *Abraham Mitchell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for collecting the Duties arising on spirituous Liquors in the said City and County of *Philadelphia*.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Resolved, That *William Crispin*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Philadelphia*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *John Woolston* be, and he is hereby appointed the Collector of Excise in the County of *Bucks*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Thomas Tucker* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Chester*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Sebastian Graaff* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Lancaster*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Henry Miller* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *York*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *John Biddle* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Berks*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Jesse Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Northampton*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Thomas Urie* be, and is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Bedford*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *James Kincaid* be, and he is hereby ap-

pointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Northumberland*, for the ensuing Year.

Upon Motion by Mr. *Ross*,

Resolved unanimously, That *John Dickinson*, Esq; be, and he is hereby added to the Committee of Deputies appointed by the late Assembly of this Province to attend the General Congress now sitting in the City of *Philadelphia* on *American* Grievances.

Resolved, That this House will provide an Entertainment, to be given on *Thursday* next, to the Deputies from the several Colonies attending public Business in this City.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *Ross*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to provide and superintend the said Entertainment, and that Mr. Speaker do invite the Gentlemen of the Congress accordingly.

It being represented by Mr. *Hillegas*, that *Cayashuta*, an *Indian* Chief of Note, and a Friend to this Province, is now in Town, and in Want of some Necessaries,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* do procure the Necessaries requested by the said *Indian* Chief, defray his Expences while in Town, and present him with the Sum of *Ten Pounds* in Behalf of this Government.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

October 17, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'BY the latest Intelligence from the Westward, the Earl of *Dunmore* was set out on an Expedition down the *Ohio* against the *Shawanese Indians*; and it is very uncertain as yet whether the Troubles on the Frontiers may subside: I therefore find it incumbent on me to recommend to your Consideration the Propriety of keeping in Pay for a longer Time the Rangers employed by this Government; or taking such other Measures as you may judge, on this Occasion, most proper for the public Security.

October 17, 1774. *JOHN PENN.*"

Sundry Petitions from a considerable Number of Freeholders and Inhabitants in different Parts of the County of *Chester*, were presented to the House and read, setting forth, that Doubts have arisen among the Petitioners respecting the

true Construction and Meaning of the Act of General Assembly, directing the Mode of laying out public Roads and Highways within this Province, and praying the House would prepare and pass a Bill to explain and amend the said Act.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition signed by many Inhabitants of the County of *Berks*, and other adjoining Counties, against the Practice of firing Guns on New-Year's Day, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the *Low Dutch Reformed* Congregation of *North-* and *Southampton*, in the County of *Bucks*, was presented to the House and read, praying an Act of the Legislature, to enable them to make Sale of a certain Tract of Land belonging to the said Congregation, and to apply the Monies arising therefrom to the Uses and Purposes mentioned in their Petition.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

October 18, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 19, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Charles Thomson* and Mr. *Slough*, this Day appearing, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of the Seventeenth Instant, relative to the Rangers employed on the Frontiers, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That the said Rangers be continued in Pay until the First Day of *November* next, and then disbanded, it not appearing to the House that their Service on the Frontiers is any longer necessary.

Resolved, That *George Gray*, *Michael Hillegas*, *Thomas Mifflin* and *Charles Humphreys*, Esquires, or any Three of them, with the Consent and Approbation of the Governor of this Province for the Time being, may draw Orders on the Provincial Treasurer for any Sum not exceeding *Fourteen Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, to be disposed of in discharging the Arrears of Pay, and the Expence of Victualling the said Rangers;—the said Sum to be paid out of the Monies remaining in his Hands by Virtue of an Act of Assembly, passed the Twenty-ninth of *September* last, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Rodman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the ruinous Condition of the State-house Steeple, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Superintendants of the State-house do take immediate Care to have the wooden Part of the Steeple taken down, and the Brick Work cheaply covered to prevent its being damaged by the Weather.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported, they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which being agreed to by the House, was transcribed by Order, and follows in these Words, viz.

May it please your Honour,

HAVING taken into our Consideration the Matter referred to us in your Message of the Seventeenth Instant, we are of Opinion, that the Rangers employed by this Government should be disbanded by the First of *November* next, as their Service on the Frontiers does not appear to us to be any longer necessary.

We have provided, agreeably to the Resolution sent herewith, for the Payment of the Arrears that may be due, and for the incidental Charges that have accrued for this Service.

As the Safety of the Province in great Measure depends upon having a Supply of Arms ready on any Emergency, we trust your Honour will give Orders, at the Time of disbanding the Men, that the Arms, with which you have supplied them, may be collected and deposited in some Place of Security.

Signed by Order of the House,

October 19, 1774. EDWARD BIDDLE, *Speaker*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Answer to his Message, and acquaint him, that the House incline to adjourn to *Monday*, the Fifth of *December* next, if he has no Objection thereto.

A Petition from *Caspar Weaver*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Berks* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported, they had delivered the Answer of the House, and their verbal Message, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Objection to the Time of Adjournment proposed by the House.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Rules of the House for regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members, were read as usual, and some Additions thereto being made, and agreed to be observed, the Whole are as they severally follow, *viz.*

First, That any Member carrying himself indecently towards the Speaker, or any of the Members, by Reflections, or otherways, in the House, or shall transgress this or any of the subsequent Rules, shall, for the first Offence, be reproved, for the second and other Offences fined, as the House thinks fit, not exceeding *Ten Shillings*.

Secondly, That any Member offering to speak, stand up in his Place, and direct his Speech to the Chair, and speak pertinently to the Occasion, and having ended, sit down. None to speak above twice to one Matter (especially upon Bills) without Leave of the Speaker.

Thirdly, That none presume to interrupt another, nor offer to speak until the first sits down.

Fourthly, That no Member presume to pass between the Chair and a Member speaking.

Fifthly, That the Members forbear talking to each other, and keep Silence, unless when they have Occasion to speak in Order, as aforesaid.

Sixthly, That no Member endeavour to pervert the Sense of another's Speech.

Seventhly, That the Speaker have Power to stop all unnecessary, tedious and superfluous Discourse, and to command Silence when needful.

Eighthly, That the Members avoid naming others, when they have Occasion to observe or take Notice of their Speech; but have Respect to the Time of their Speaking, or to the Seat they have, as right or left Hand of the Chair, *&c.*

Ninthly, That no Member presume to go in or out of the House before the Speaker, (he being present) nor depart the House without his Leave.

Tenthly, That upon Debates and passing of Bills the Majority of Votes shall govern; and when the Votes of the Members are equal in Number, the Speaker shall have the casting Vote.

Eleventhly, That the Speaker may, with the Consent of the House, require any Member offending, to stand at the Bar, and there receive the Censure of the House.

Twelfthly, That no Member presume to divulge the Debates or Secrets of the House.

Thirteenthly, That no Member who is against the Body of a Bill, shall be appointed to be of a Committee concerning that Bill.

Fourteenthly, That the Speaker have Power to nominate Persons for Committees, and that none who are nominated refuse the Service; not that any of the Members shall be hereby debarred of their Privilege of nominating Persons, if they think fit, or rejecting such as are nominated by the Speaker; in which Case the Opinion of the House shall govern.

Fifteenthly, That Bills to be passed into Laws, may be brought in by any particular Member, or received by them, or the Speaker, from others, and presented to the House, who is to order the Clerk loudly to read them, and, after Reading, to be respectfully delivered to the Speaker, and him to mark or note (by Breviate, or otherwise) all Bills, and declare the Nature and Use of the same; which, if not rejected, to cause to be read a second time; and after deliberate Consideration thereon, and Amendment made, if needful, cause it to be read a third time, and sent to the Governor, as the House shall think fit, for his Assent; but that no Bill be read twice in one Day, except on extraordinary Occasions.

Sixteenthly, That at the first Reading of Bills the Members avoid any close Debate, and seriously deliberate on the Contents, in order to their better Information before the second Reading; and that the said Bills do lie on the Table for the Members to peruse; and that no Member presume to carry a Bill, or other Paper, out of the House without Leave.

Seventeenthly, That all Questions put by the Speaker, to know the Mind of the House, be answered by the Members in the Affirmative by standing up, and those in the Negative by keeping their Seats.

Eighteenthly, That if it shall at any Time happen that a Debate proves tedious, and any Four Members shall stand up and request the Speaker to put the Matter in Debate to the Vote, he shall not refuse it.

Nineteenthly, That after the Meeting of any Assembly (the Regularity of Elections being first inspected) Committees shall be appointed on the several Occasions of their Sessions, so far as they have Knowledge thereof, wherein the Commands of the Crown shall be preferred, and next those of the Governor; after which Inspection shall be made into the Laws for Safety of the Government.

Twentiethly, That every Member absent upon any Meeting

of the House, shall be liable to be sent for by the Members present, at the Expence of such absent Member.

Twenty-firstly, That every Member who shall absent himself from the Service of the House without Leave from the Speaker, for so doing shall be subject to a Fine of *Five Shillings* for every Day's Absence, unless such Member can assign to the House a satisfactory Reason for the same.

Twenty-secondly, That such Members as do not appear at the Place of Meeting within Half an Hour after the Time appointed in the Fore- and Afternoon, shall pay *One Shilling*; but if a Quorum be not present at the same Time, then each absent Member shall pay *Two Shillings*; and *Eighteen-pence* for every Hour's Absence after, unless he can shew Cause; to the Satisfaction of the House, which shall be determined by an immediate Vote.

Resolved, That the Freeholders and other Inhabitants, qualified to elect Members of Assembly, shall be admitted to hear the Debates of this House, at such Times, and under such Regulations and Restrictions, as the House shall think proper.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 20, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from the County of *Chester* respecting the Right of laying out public Roads and Highways were read the second time, and after some Debate thereon, referred to further Consideration at the next Meeting of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *Berks*, and other adjoining Counties, for suppressing the Practice of firing Guns on New-Year's Day;—the Petitions from *Samuel Burman* and *Caspar Weaver*, insolvent Debtors, and the Petition of the *Low Dutch Reformed* Congregation of the County of *Bucks*, for Selling a certain Tract of Land, and, after some Time spent therein, resolved, that the said Petitions be again taken up at their next Sitting; the said Congregation giving public Notice, in the mean Time, of their Application to the House, by advertising the same in the News-Papers.

Ordered, That the Bill prepared by the late Assembly for the Relief of *William Waters*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Bucks* County, be recommended to Consideration at the next Meeting of the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 21, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *Ross*, or any Four of them, with the Speaker, be a Committee to settle the Accounts of the Entertainment given Yesterday, and of the Expences attending the Sitting of the Congress; and that the said Committee do draw Orders, for discharging the same, on *Samuel Preston Moore*, Esq; to be paid out of the Interest-Money in his Hands.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* be added to the Committee appointed to inspect the Printing the Laws of this Province.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Superintendants of the State-House do give Directions for removeing the Bar of the Supreme Court, and cause a larger and more convenient one to be erected in its Place.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the Fifth of *December* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

December 5, 1774.

MR. Speaker, with Fifteen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

December 6, 1774.

The Speaker, with Twenty-three Members, met, pursuant to the Adjournment of Yesterday, and a Quorum being still wanting, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 7, 1774.

Mr. Speaker, with most of the Members present last Night, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and several being yet wanting, to complete a Quorum,

Ordered, That the Clerk do give immediate Notice by the Serjeant at Arms to Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Kirkbride*, Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Gibbons*, that their Attendance is required at Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon, without Fail.

The Members then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 8, 1774.

A Quorum met.

Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *Ewing*, appearing this Day, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Pearson* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that a House being met, pursuant to their Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

A Petition from *John Burrows*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Mariner, confined in the Gaol of the said City for Debt, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Ludowick Bitting*, of the County of *Berks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner has good Reasons to suspect that *Caspar Weaver*, now a Prisoner in the Gaol of the said County, has concealed Effects belonging to him, sufficient to pay his Debts, and would rather be relieved by an Act of the Legislature than comply with his Duty;—that the Petitioner has several Witnesses attending, who, upon their Qualifications, will corroborate this Suspicion;—that he therefore prays the said Witnesses may be examined, and in Case the House shall think his Suspicion well supported, that they will reject the Petition of the said *Weaver* now before them. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order; and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Business at present to lay before them, but if any should occur during their Sitting, he would communicate it by a Message.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners conceive that, as they are by Law restrained from electing and sending more than one Representative to the General Assembly of this Province, they enjoy a very partial and inadequate Share of Representation;—that though in the Infancy of this County one Representative might have been deemed sufficient, yet since that Period it has vastly increased both in Wealth and Number of People, and that in a far greater Proportion than the interior Counties, owing to a wide extended Frontier, which has been, and is yet daily increasing; that this County being large, and having only one Representative, the most distant Inhabitants have not an Opportunity of stating their Grievances to him as they might to a Member residing among them;—that from the foregoing Considerations, and the Difficulties of the present Times, the Petitioners, confiding in the Wisdom and

Justice of the House, pray, that a Bill may be prepared and passed into a Law to enable the Freemen of the said County qualified to vote for Representatives, to chuse at the next General Election two Members to represent them in the succeeding Assembly, whereby they may be placed on a more equal Footing with the Inhabitants of other Counties of this Province. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Ludowick Bitting* was again read, and, after some Debate, referred to the Committee of Grievances for further Examination, and a Hearing of the Witnesses attending in Support of the said Petition.

The Members deputed, in Behalf of this Province, to attend the General Congress held at the City of *Philadelphia*, in *September* and *October* last, presented to the Chair a printed Journal of the Resolutions and Proceedings of the said Congress, together with a Report in Writing, which latter was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed on the Part of this Province, by the late and present House of Representatives, to attend the Congress of Deputies from the several Colonies, beg Leave to report the Performance of that Service, as contained in a Journal of the Congress, herewith delivered; which we humbly submit to the Consideration of the House.

Philadelphia, December 8, 1774.

EDWARD BIDDLE, JOHN DICKINSON, THOMAS MIFFLIN, CHARLES HUMPHREYS, JOHN MORTON."

Ordered, That the Reading and Consideration of the Journal of the Proceedings of the General Congress be referred till To-morrow.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 9, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the outstanding Debts due to the Province,

Resolved, That the Provincial Treasurer be directed to call on the Treasurers of the several Counties for the Balance of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax; and that he take the necessary Steps immediately to enforce Payment of such of the other Balances as are now unpaid.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That Mr. *Hillegas* be, and he is hereby appointed and impowered to demand and receive all Fines arising upon

any Breach of the Rules of the House, for the Use of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital.

A Petition from divers Persons, Inhabitants of different Counties of this Province, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have been in this City for a considerable Time applying to the Loan-Office for Money upon Mortgage, whose Titles upon Examination have been approved of, and are unable to procure the Money wanted from the Trustees, they alledging there is none signed in their Hands;—that the Petitioners, anxious to return home, some have waited upon many of the Signers, who acquainted them that they could not attend to signing the Bills of Credit, without neglecting their private Business, which they would not do;—that the Petitioners are kept in Town at a great Expence, attending this Business without a Prospect of having it soon compleated;—that several of them have executed Mortgages and Bonds to the Trustees, on which they are obliged to pay Interest from the Time of Signing, notwithstanding they have not yet been able to procure the Money upon them, to their great Grievance:—That the Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honourable House will grant them Relief in the Premises, by appointing other Persons to sign the said Bills of Credit, or by any other Mode that may appear most proper.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Chester* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that at the Sitting of the Assembly in *October* last, sundry Petitions were brought in concerning a Road laid out, by Order of the Governor and Council of this Province, from the Middle Ferry on *Schuylkill* to the Village of *Strassburg*, in *Lancaster* County, wherein much is said of the State and Circumstances of said Road, and of the Transactions and Proceedings thereto relating;—that should the House go into a full Consideration of the Premises without further Testimony respecting the same, their Deliberations and Proceedings thereon could not (as the Petitioners conceive) be so likely to be well adapted to conciliate and quiet the Minds of those who are dissatisfied, as a further Enquiry therein might enable them to do:—That the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House will (previous to a full Consideration of the several Allegations contained in the said Petition) give the Gentlemen who laid out the said Road, and such of the Petitioners as may incline to be present, an Opportunity of being heard before a Committee of the House,

and of laying such Matters before them as may be necessary for a full Information of the true State of Facts relating thereto, or take such other Order therein as the House may judge most conducive to public Good.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of last Night, the House resumed the Consideration of the Resolutions and Proceedings of the General Congress, and having spent some Time therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Resolutions of the Congress, and, after some Debate, ordered that the further Consideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning.

Upon Motion,

The House taking into Consideration a Petition presented at their last Sitting from divers Inhabiants of the County of *Berks*, against firing Guns on New-Year's Day &c.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for suppressing the said Practice.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

December 10, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions of *Caspar Weaver* and *Ludowick Bitting* were referred for Examination, reported, "that having considered the said Petitions, and heard the Witnesses and Allegations of the said *Bitting* against the Discharge of the said *Weaver* from Imprisonment, they find by the Testimony of *John Aigener* and *John Conyeuse*, that the said *Weaver* has not given such Satisfaction to his Creditors as to induce the Committee to recommend his Case to the Consideration of the House."

The House, agreeable to the Order of Yesterday, taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to attend the General Congress, and the Papers therein referred to,

Resolved unanimously, That this House approve the Proceedings and Resolves of the Congress, and do most seriously recommend to the good People of this Province a strict Attention to, and inviolable Observation of, the several Matters and Things contained in the Journal of the Congress.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be immediately made public.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from divers Persons applying to borrow Money at the General Loan-Office, &c. and after Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Brown* be a Committee to bring in a Bill Supplementary to the Loan-Office Act for appointing a further Number of Signers of the Paper-Money, in Addition to those named in the said Act.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

December 12, 1774.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

December 13, 1774.

A Quorum met.

Mr. *Galloway*, this Day appearing in the House, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

A Petition from the Committee of the County of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that while we are contending with our Mother Country for what we know to be our Birthright, *to wit*, that no Freeman can be deprived of his Liberty or Property but by the Judgment of his Peers, a Precedent of the Contrary is observeable in our own Laws; for by a late Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," it is enacted, that every Supervisor, who shall refuse or neglect to do the Duty by the said Act required, shall be fined *Three Pounds*, to be recovered before any Justice in the County where such Refusal or Neglect shall happen; and although an Appeal to the County Court is allowed by the said Act, the Petitioners apprehend such Fine may and hath been recovered without Trial by Jury, even where such Trial hath been requested, which appears to the Petitioners contrary to the Rights of Freemen: They pray therefore that the House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and preserve to the Freemen of this Province and their Posterity, that inestimable Privilege of Trial by Jury, in such Manner as they shall think most proper.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to suppress the disorderly Practice of firing Guns, &c. on New-Year's Day, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from the County of *Chester*, concerning the Road lately laid out from the Middle Ferry on *Schuylkill* to the Village of *Strassburg*, in the County of *Lancaster*, and having spent some Time therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Charles Thompson*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Galloway* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to consider the said Petitions, and that *Friday*, the 16th Instant, be appointed for a Hearing of the Parties before the Committee, who are to report the Result thereof to the House.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the County of *Northampton*, for an additional Member to represent the said County in the General Assembly of this Province, being again read,

Ordered, That Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purpose expressed in the said Petition.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for Payment of public Debts*," reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read the first time, was ordered to lay on the Table for a second Reading.

The Petition of *John Burrows*, Mariner, confined in the Gaol of this City for Debt, was again read by Order, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for allowing an additional Member in Assembly to the County of *Northampton*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from *Henry William Stiegel*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," by special Order, was read the second time, and directed to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair, a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation,*" which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Dennis Johnson*, of the County of *Bucks*, presented to, and recommended over by, the late Assembly, respecting the Loss of one of his Title-Deeds by Fire, was read, *de novo*, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

The Petition from the Grand-Jury of the County of *Philadelphia*, concerning the Recovery of Fines imposed on Supervisors by the Road Act, without Trial by Jury, was again read, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *Ewing* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province.*"

The House then proceeding to give their Sentiments to the Committee for better forming the said Bill, the following Questions were proposed, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

First, Whether it shall be an Instruction to the said Committee to bring in a Clause for repealing the Power of Justices to fine the Supervisors for Neglect of Duty?

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Dickinson*,
Mr. *Israel Jacobs*,	Mr. *Parker*,
Mr. *Roberts*,	Mr. *Hillegas*,
Mr. *Brown*,	Mr. *Mifflin*,
Mr. *Hainey*,	Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Bartholomew*,	Mr. *Foulke*,
Mr. *John Jacobs*,	Mr. *Rodman*,
Mr. *Pennock*,	Mr. *Chapman*,
Mr. *Pearson*,	Mr. *Morton*,
Mr. *Humphreys*,	Mr. *Webb*,
Mr. *Wayne*,	Mr. *Ferree*,
Mr. *Chreist*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Edmonds*.	Mr. *Allen*.

The Members dividing equally on the above Question, the casting Vote was given by the Speaker in the Negative.

Secondly, Whether the Committee shall be directed to bring in a Clause for taking away the Appeal to the Court of Quar-

ter Sessions as the Law now directs, and giving the Appeal to the said Sessions, to be proceeded on there by Indictment?

Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 14, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to suppress the disorderly Practice of firing Guns &c. on the Times therein mentioned,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration, and give it all the Dispatch in his Power.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *John Burrows* was referred for Enquiry into the Facts, reported thereon, "That having heard the Allegations of the Petitioner, and his Creditors, they begged Leave to recommend the Case of the said *Burrows* to the Consideration of the House."

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and for providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts,*" and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the said Bill into a Law whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on his Honour, and inform him, that the House will attend him in the Council-Chamber at any Hour this Afternoon, he shall be pleased to appoint to enact the said Bill into a Law.

The Members return, and report they had delivered their Message, according to Order, and that the Governor was pleased to say, he would meet the House in the Council-Chamber immediately.

A Message *by* Mr. *Secretary.*

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House, to enact into a Law the Bill returned with his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on his Honour; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on the Governor, and presented the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts,*" to which his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into a Law.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *John Jacobs* do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Law, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Henry William Stiegel,* confined for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia,* was again read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 15, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Law passed Yesterday, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service according to Order.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, N. C. D. That the Honourable *Edward Biddle,* Speaker, *John Dickinson, Thomas Mifflin, Joseph Galloway, Charles Humphreys, John Morton* and *George Ross,* Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed Deputies, on the Part of this Province, to attend the General Continental Congress, proposed to be held at the City of *Philadelphia,* on the 10th Day of *May* next; and that they, or any Four of them, do meet the said Congress accordingly, unless the present Grievances of the *American* Colonies shall before that Time be redressed.

Samuel Rhoads, Esquire, one of the Deputies for this Province at the late Congress, being now Mayor of the City of *Philadelphia,* is omitted in the above Appointment, it appearing to the House that he could not attend the Service.

Ordered, That Mr. *Charles Thompson,* Mr. *Brown,* Mr. *Chapman,* Mr. *Pearson,* Mr. *John Jacobs,* Mr. *Wayne,* Mr. *Ewing,*

Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in Draughts of Instructions for the Deputies to the ensuing Congress, and of a circular Letter to the Speakers of the several Colony Assemblies, informing them of the Proceedings of this House on the Report of their Delegates at the late Congress.

The House then taking into Consideration the Service of the Delegates for this Province at the late Congress,

Resolved, That the said Delegates be allowed each *Twenty Shillings per Diem*, for their Attendance on that Duty.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Draughts of Instructions for the Deputies to the ensuing Congress, and of a circular Letter to the Speakers of the several Colony Assemblies, reported Essays for those Purposes, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

The Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the Northwest Part of* Bucks *into a separate County*," was read the second time, and ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 16, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *William Milnor*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Cooper, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed by the Bill now under Consideration to the Office of Inspector of Shad and Herring intended for Exportation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee of Grievances presented to the Chair a written Report on the Petition of *Daniel Andrews*, of the County of *Berks*, acquainting the House, "That they have heard and examined into the Application of the said *Andrews*, relative to the Loss of some Title-Deeds, (of which Application public Notice has been given) and are of Opinion, that it will be proper to afford him the Relief he prays for."

The House being informed that a Number of the Petitioners from *Chester* County affected by the new Provincial Road, are now attending pursuant to the Order of *Tuesday* last, for a Hearing before the Committee of the House appointed for that Purpose, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 17, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,*

"*An Act for erecting the Northwest Part of* Bucks *into a separate County*, and, "*An Act to suppress the disorderly Practice of firing Guns*, &c. *on the Times therein mentioned*," being transcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

December 19, 1774.

The Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 20, 1774.

A Quorum met.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed on *Saturday* last, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

A Petition from the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in Pursuance of an Act of General Assembly of this Province, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia," they, the said Commissioners, have purchased a Lot of Ground in the said City, for the Purposes in the said Act mentioned, and have in Part erected a new Gaol thereon;——that toward defraying the Expence thereof, they have, agreeable to the Directions of the said Act, borrowed on Interest sundry Sums of Money from divers Persons and Bodies Politic, amounting in the Whole to *Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred* and *Twenty-five Pounds*;—that most of the Tradesmen's Accounts remain unsettled, not being yet brought in; and as near as the Petitioners can judge, it will require at least *Eleven* or *Twelve Thousand Pounds* more to complete the said Gaol, and erect a Work-house and House of Correction, as the aforesaid Act requires; so that the Interest arising on the Sum of Money by the said Commissioners borrowed as aforesaid, and yet to be borrowed, will be a grievous Burthen, and greatly distressing to the Inhabitants of the said City and County; inasmuch as the paying the said Interest out of the County Levy will reduce the same so low as to prevent the Commissioners from performing many Services necessary for the said County, and paying the incidental Ex-

pences thereof: That the Petitioners therefore pray the House will be pleased to pass an Act for the striking a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit of this Province, for redeeming the Certificates by the said Commissioners issued, and for carrying on and completing the Work agreeable to the aforesaid Act, and that in Consideration of the many Taxes now borne by the said City and County; the sinking the same may be from the Sale of said old Gaol and Work-house, as the said recited Act directs, immediately after finishing the new Gaol and Work-house, and the Remainder be sunk in Four yearly Payments by a Tax of *Nine-pence* in the Pound to be assessed and levied on all Estates real and Personal within the City and County, and that the same commence from and after the First Day of *October*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Robert Thompson*, of the County of *Bucks*, complaining of considerable Injury done him by the laying out a public Road through his Land near his Dwelling-house, was presented to the House, read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *William Brown*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner bought an Improvement in *Northampton* County, which cost him near an *Hundred Pounds*;—that he got an Application from the Proprietaries Office, and had a Survey made of One Hundred and Forty Acres by *John Biddle*, one of their Deputies;—that he leased the said Land to a Person, who did not stay long on it;—that some Time after, a Demand was made for the Provincial Tax, and the Petitioner hears the Land has been sold by the Sheriff for the Payment thereof; that only one or two Years Tax was chargeable on the said Land, not exceeding *Twelve* or *Twenty-four Shillings*;—that *John Depuy*, who lives near, having a Mind to purchase a small Part of the said Land, informed the Sheriff that he would give more for Two or Three Acres of it than the Whole has been sold for, to pay the Tax;—that the Petitioner has heard the Proprietary Officers have now patented the same Land to the Purchaser at the Sheriff's Sale, although they had granted it to the Petitioner, who bought the Right of Improvement, and was chargeable with the Quit-rent from the Time it was settled;—that the Petitioner conceives himself to be much aggrieved by this Proceeding, and prays Relief from the House. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill,

Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" reported an Essay for that Purpose, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-west Part of* Bucks *into a separate County,*" and, "*An Act to suppress the disorderly Practice of firing Guns* &c. *on the Times therein mentioned,*" and acquainted the House, he should be ready to pass the said Bills whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the said Bills be immediately engrossed.

With the said Bills the Secretary also delivered a written Message from his Honour, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'I Am informed by the Barrack-Master, that the Apartments of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties*, and the necessary Furniture and Utensils are extremely out of Order, and in great Need of Repair: I must therefore recommend this Matter as worthy of your immediate Consideration.

December 20, 1774. *JOHN PENN.*"

Upon Motion,

The Report of the Committee of Grievances upon the Case of *John Burrows*, Mariner, was again read, and, after Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the said *Burrows* and *William Waters*, an insolvent Petitioner at the last Sitting, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

The House then taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Petition of *Daniel Andrews*,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpose mentioned in his Petition.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Ebenezer Robinson*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, respecting a Machine lately constructed by him for pumping leaky Vessels with greater Expedition and less Fatigue than in the common Way, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the *Low Dutch Reformed* Congregation of *North-* and *Southampton*, in the County of *Bucks*, presented to, and referred over from, the last Sitting of the House, was again read, and after Consideration,

Ordered, That Leave be given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill at the next Sitting, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Mr. *Hillegas* presented at the Table an Account from *John Read*, for Expences in repairing the Banks of *Deep-Water Island* amounting to *Fifteen Pounds One Shilling* and *Sixpence*, which was allowed by the House, and a Certificate being drawn by Order for Payment thereof, the same was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to the Member who brought in the Account.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *John Burrows* and *William Waters*, Prisoners for Debt in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Bucks* County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 21, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the present bad State of the public Roads and Highways within the said County of *Lancaster*, and other Counties of this Province, obliges the Petitioners to apply to the House;—that the Trade of the Western Parts of the Province has increased very greatly within these few Years past, and the Roads necessary for the Transportation of Merchandize and the Product of the County, are now almost impassible:—that on account of the Inattention paid to the public Highways, large Quantities of Grain, Flax-seed, Hemp, Iron, and other Articles of Trade, are daily conveyed to *Baltimore*, and other Parts of *Maryland*, which otherwise would naturally be sent to the *Philadelphia* Market;—that unless some speedy Stop is put to this growing Evil, there is the highest Reason to believe, the Trade of the Province in

general, and of the City of *Philadelphia* in particular, will be affected and injured very considerably;—that the Petitioners beg Leave to suggest to the Honourable House, that the Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty is by no Means adequate to the Purposes thereby intended, of opening, amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways;—that the vesting of a single Justice of the Peace with a Power of recovering in a summary Way the Fines and Penalties incurred by delinquent Supervisors has had this ill Effect, that Neglects of Duty with respect to the Roads have been seldom or ever punished; the Magistrate generally performing with Reluctance this Branch of his Office in his Neighbourhood, and attempting rather to compromise the Complaint, than to have the Highways put in proper Repair, by a rigid Execution of the Law;—that the Election of Freeholders within the Township to adjust the Supervisors Accounts, as directed by the said Act, really defeats the good Purposes of the Law, and is too often considered as a Restraint on the Supervisors, deterring them from an active Discharge of their Duty, lest their Accounts should not be allowed as just and reasonable; and that the Appeals provided by the said Law do not obviate the aforesaid Inconveniences;—that the Petitioners therefore, being well assured that the Honourable House of Assembly will consider the keeping of the public Roads and Highways in Repair as an Object of the utmost Importance to the essential Interests of the Province, and will use every possible Means to facilitate the Transportation of Merchandize, and the Staple Commodities of the Country, most humbly pray that the House will resume the Consideration of the present Road Laws, and make such Alterations therein, as will most effectually contribute to the Ease, Welfare and Prosperity of the Province in general. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants and others, Possessors of drained Marsh on the Island of *Tinecum*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, Owners of a certain Piece of drained Marsh Meadow, situate on the said Island, in the Township of *Ridley*, and County of *Chester*, are under a very heavy Expence in maintaining the Banks, Dams and Sluices thereof;—that they apprehend this Burthen may be made considerably more equal and easy by a Law passed for Support of the said Banks, *&c.* and therefore pray the House will be pleased to grant them Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" and after some Time spent therein the following Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.* Whether the House will at this Sitting proceed to the further Consideration of the said Bill?

Carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Gray,*	Mr. *Wynkoop,*	Mr. *Dickinson,*
Mr. *Israel Jacobs,*	Mr. *Heany,*	Mr. *Parker,*
Mr. *Roberts,*	Mr. *Bartholomew,*	Mr. *Pearson,*
Mr. *Hillegas,*	Mr. *John Jacobs,*	Mr. *Webb,*
Mr. *Mifflin,*	Mr. *Pennock,*	Mr. *Ferree,*
Mr. *Charles Thomp-*	Mr. *Humphreys,*	Mr. *Ross,*
son,	Mr. *Morton,*	Mr. *Ewing,*
Mr. *Foulke,*	Mr. *Wayne.*	Mr. *Allen,*
Mr. *Rodman,*		Mr. *Chreist,*
Mr. *Chapman,*		Mr. *Edmonds.*
Mr. *Galloway,*		

The House then adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 22, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation,*" and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

A Petition from *John Enouch, Jacob Supplee* and *Josiah Supplee,* Sons of *Elizabeth Supplee,* deceased, who was one of the Daughters of *Stoffel Vansand,* deceased, *John Moore,* and *Jane* his Wife, a Daughter of the said *Elizabeth, Moses Yocum,*

and *Ann* his Wife another of the Daughters of the said *Elizabeth*, *Jacob Wickerline*, and *Charity* his Wife, also a Daughter of the said *Elizabeth*, and *Jehu Jones*, and *Catharine* his Wife, also a Daughter of the said *Elizabeth*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that on the Fourth Day of *June*, 1749, the said *Stoffel Vansand* made his last Will and Testament, and, among other Things, thereby devised "One Half of his Land, being Fifty Acres, to his Daughter *Sena*, during her natural Life, but if she should marry, then she should pay *Thirty Pounds* in Manner following, *viz. Ten Pounds* to her Daughter *Elizabeth's* Children, *Ten Pounds* to his Daughter *Rachel*, and *Ten Pounds* to his Daughter *Olshe*; but if she should have Issue, then he gave and bequeathed to said Issue the aforesaid Fifty Acres of Land, to have and to hold the said Fifty Acres of Land to them, their Heirs and Assigns forever; but if she died without Issue, then he directed the aforesaid Land to be sold, and the Money to be equally divided as the *Thirty Pounds* aforesaid," and appointed his Son *John Vansand* and *Lewis Rue* Executors of his Will, both of whom are since dead;—that after the Death of the Testator, *Rachel Rue*, formerly *Vansand*, one of the Daughters, got into Possession of the Premises, and refuses either to sell or make any Compensation to the other Devisees as a Rent;—that *Olshe*, one of the Daughters of the Testator, is dead, leaving Issue two Children, both Minors, so that no Persons are impowered to sell the said Land, and the Petitioners are hitherto deprived of the Legacies bequeathed to them:—They therefore pray the Honourable House to take their Case into Consideration, and by an Act of Assembly vest the said Land in Trustees to be sold, and the Money arising upon such Sale, to be distributed agreeable to the last Will of the said *Stoffel Vansand*, deceased.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Hugh Dehaven*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed to take Care of the State-House Clock.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of their Instructions to the Deputies appointed to attend, on the Part of this Province, at the next General Congress, and having spent some Time therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee of Grievances to whom the Petition of *Henry William Stiegel* was referred for Enquiry, reported, "That, agreeable to the Notice by them given, they attended

this Day at the Gaol in the City of *Philadelphia*, to hear such Objections as might be made by the Creditors of the said *Stiegel* against his Discharge from Imprisonment, and none of them (though duly notified) attending to oppose his Release, except one, whose Objections did not appear material, the Committee recommend him to the House as a proper Object of the Relief he prays for."

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

Pursuant to Leave, as above, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Henry William Stiegel, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Philadelphia* was again Read:

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, against the next Sitting, for the Purpose expressed in the said Petition.

The Petition of *Robert Thompson*, of the County of *Bucks*, being again read, was, upon Motion, referred to the Committee of Grievances, to examine into the Facts, and report thereon to the next Sitting of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of drained Marsh Meadow in the Island of *Tinecum*, and

Ordered, That Leave be given the Petitioners to bring in a Bill for the Purposes mentioned in their said Petition.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 23, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *Montgomery*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.—Mr. *William Thompson* also appearing and producing the Sheriff's Return of his Election for the County of *Westmoreland*, he was qualified and took his Seat in the House.

The Committee appointed to bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported a Draught for that Purpose, which was read, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be transcribed.

A Petition from Mr. *David Rittenhouse*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he is informed Mr. *Edward Duffield* declines taking Care of the public Clock in the State-House, after *March* next, and as he the Petitioner has the Care of the *Time-Piece*, belonging to the Philosophical Society, which is kept at the Observatory in the State-House Square, with astronomical Instruments for adjusting it, he conceives it would not be inconvenient for him to take Charge of the said public Clock; and therefore prays the House will be pleased to appoint him to that Service, when Mr. *Duffield* shall discontinue the same.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message being transcribed according to Order, was signed by the Speaker, and is as follows, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

THE House have considered your Message of the 20th Instant, and beg Leave to inform you that they do not think it expedient at this Time to repair the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties*, or to provide Furniture or Utensils for the same.

Signed by Order of the House,

December 23, 1774. EDWARD BIDDLE, *Speaker*,"

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* John Burrows *and* William Waters, *&c.*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and deliver also the Answer of the House to his Honour's Message.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," and acquainted the House that he could not give his Assent to the said Bill.

The Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation*," with some Amendments to the same, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration in the Afternoon.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same, with the Answer of the House to his Honour's Message, according to Order, and that he was pleased to say, he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Henry William Stiegel, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County*, &c." being, upon Motion, read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *Ebenezer Robinson*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Charles Thompson*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Wayne* be a Committee to view the Machine constructed by the Petitioner, and report their Opinion of its Usefulness to the next Sitting of the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation*," and after some Time spent therein, an Answer to the said Amendments being drawn at the Table, and agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Henry William Stiegel, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County*, &c." being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same, and that they also deliver the Answer of the House to his Honour's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation.*"

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the County of *Lancaster*, concerning the State of public Roads to the Western Parts of this Province, was again read, and earnestly recommended to the Consideration of the House at their next Sitting.

The House proceeded to a second Reading of the Petition from *John Enouch*, *Jacob Supplee*, *Josiah Supplee*, and others, and, after some Debate thereon, referred the said Petition to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Facts.

The Petition of *David Rittenhouse* being again read, by Order,

Resolved, That the Petitioner be, and he is hereby appointed to take Care of the State-House Clock after the First of *March* next, in the Room of Mr. *Duffield*, who at that Time intends removing to the Country.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the Province was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that it is a melancholy Truth that a considerable Share of the Trade of the Western Parts of this Province hath been of late diverted from the City of *Philadelphia*, (where it is the general Interest of the Province its Trade should centre) to *Baltimore*, and other Parts of *Maryland*;—that the Reason of this is well known to the House, being occasioned by the Danger, Expence and Difficulty of crossing the Rivers *Susquehanna* and *Schuylkill*;—that a Bridge over the latter has for a long Time past been thought practicable and absolutely necessary to lessen in a great Degree those Inconveniences;—that sundry Applications have been made for the Countenance and Encouragement of the Legislature of this Province towards carrying on and completing this important Work, but from the particular Situation of public Affairs at the Times of such Applications, this very useful and requisite Undertaking has been hitherto neglected;—that the Petitioners, are however, now encouraged from the prosperous State of the public Funds, to renew their Request, that the House will be pleased to take this Object, of so much public Advantage, again into Consideration;—that though a Bridge over *Schuylkill* hath been by all esteemed of the greatest Utility, yet the Expence and Difficulty of erecting and making it permanent have been objected to by some;—that many of the Petitioners are, however, confident these Objections may easily be obviated, not only from their own Observations, but because a Workman of Character and Experience has offered to several of them to erect a substantial Bridge, with Stone Piers, and a Wooden Superstructure, well covered and secured against the Injuries of the Weather, for the Sum of *Eight Thousand Pounds*—a Sum so inconsiderable in Proportion to the Advantages the Public will derive from a Bridge, that it would be almost worth while to risk it for the Experiment, in a Matter of such Consequence: But for this there is no Necessity, as the said Workman hath further offered to give Security not only for the faithful and honest Discharge of his Undertaking, but that the said Bridge, so to be erected by him as aforesaid, shall stand unhurt by Ice, Freshes and other

Obstructions;—that the Petitioners therefore (conscious that the Honourable House will ever be ready to give all possible Encouragement to every Design of such general Benefit, and which tends to facilitate an Access to the Metropolis, and to enable the Inhabitants to bring their Produce easier and cheaper to Market) humbly pray that the House will be pleased to appoint a Committee to view the said River and examine where is the most suitable and practicable Place for erecting a Bridge over the same, and to hear and report all Proposals for erecting and building the said Bridge, or that the House will be pleased to take such other Steps for carrying this important Matter into Execution, as to them in their Wisdom shall seem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Heirs of *John Taylor*, late of *Thornbury*, in the County of *Chester*, Practitioner of Physic, deceased, for supplying a supposed Defect in their Title to a Tract of Land in the said County, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

December 24, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Petition of *William Brown*, of the City of *Philadelphia*,

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Facts.

The Committee appointed to hear the Petitioners from *Philadelphia* and *Chester* Counties, respecting the *Lancaster* Road, reported they had not fully heard the several Parties, so as to enable them to make a proper Report to the House.

Ordered, That the said Committee report to the next Sitting.

The House proceeded to consider the Draught of Instructions to the Deputies of this Province, appointed to attend the next General Congress, and having spent some Time therein,

Resolved, That the said Instructions be referred to the Consideration of the House at their next Meeting.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Heirs of *John Taylor*, deceased, was again read, and, upon Consideration,

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition for erecting a Bridge over the River *Schuylkill*, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Charles Thomson*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr.

Pearson and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to view the said River, to judge which is the most suitable Place for building a Bridge to accommodate the Public, also to hear the Proposals mentioned in the said Petition, and report to the House at their next Meeting.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *William Thompson* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that the House will be glad to know his Result on the Bills before him, as they incline to adjourn this Afternoon to *Monday*, the 20th of *February* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That *Mr. Hillegas* be requested to procure necessary Winter Cloathing for Negro *Dublin*, defray the Expence of his Board, and draw on the Provincial Treasurer for Payment thereof.

Orders being drawn on *Samuel Preston Moore*, Esq; in Discharge of the Sums allowed to the Deputies of this Province, for their Attendance at the late Congress, the same were signed by the Speaker, and delivered to those Gentlemen respectively.

An Order was also drawn for *Three Pounds* to Mr. *Mifflin*, being the Balance due to him on Account of the Entertainment given to the General Congress.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same accordingly, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Objection to the Adjournment proposed by the House, and would immediately return to them the Bills before him.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, again sent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Heering* (sic) *for Exportation*," and informed the House, that he agreed to withdraw his first Amendment to the said Bill, and to admit their proposed Alteration in Lieu of it.

Ordered, That the Bill be altered accordingly.

Mr. Secretary also delivered the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* John Burrows *and* William Waters, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *and* Bucks *Counties*," &c. and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Henry William Stiegel, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County*," &c. with an Amendment to each of the said Bills, which being read by Order, and agreed to by the House, the said Amendments were inserted accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and request to know at what Hour this Afternoon

the House shall attend his Honour to pass the several Bills that have received his Assent.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to suppress the disorderly Practice of firing Guns*, &c. *on the Times therein mentioned*," and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-west Part of* Bucks *into a separate County*," being engrossed according to Order,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Hillegas* assist the Members of Council in comparing the said engrossed Bills with their Originals.

The House then taking into Consideration the Governor's Support.

Resolved, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, towards his Support for the current Year.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, and ordered to be presented when the House shall wait on his Honour with the Bills to be passed into Laws.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered the Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would meet the House in the Council-Chamber immediately.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Hillegas* do see the Great Seal affixed to the Bills that have been agreed on, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office, after they are passed into Laws.

A Message by Mr. SECRETARY.

"SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House, to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he has given his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on his Honour, and presented five Bills, respectively entituled as follow, *viz.* "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-west Part of* Bucks *into a separate County*;—"*An Act to suppress the disorderly Practice of firing Guns, &c. on the Times therein mentioned*;"——"*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and* (sic) *Herring for Exportation*;—"*An Act for the Relief of* John Burrows, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, and* William Waters, *a languishing Prisoner in*

the Gaol of Bucks *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*;——and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Henry William Stiegel, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*;—— to which Bills the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.——The Speaker also reported, that he had then, on Behalf of the House, presented to his Honour their Certificate for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for which he was pleased to say he was obliged to the House.

Ordered, That the Act just passed for suppressing the disorderly Practice of firing Guns, *&c.* be immediately published in the *English* and *Dutch* Papers.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the Twentieth Day of *February* next, at Four o'Clock. *P. M.*

February 25, 1775.

THE House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House having met, pursuant to their Adjournment, are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Letter, received in their Recess from the Honourable *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; Speaker of the Assembly of the Province of *East-* and *West-Jersey*, inclosing certain Resolves lately passed by that Assembly, which were read by Order, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

Perth Amboy, January 25, 1775.

SIR,

BY Order of the House of Assembly, I inclose you the Resolutions of this House, approving of the Proceedings of the Continental Congress, and am, *SIR*,

To the Honourable Edward Biddle, Esq;
Speaker of the Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania.

Your very humble Servant,
CORDLAND SKINNER, *Speaker.*

HOUSE *of ASSEMBLY, January* 25, 1775.

MR. *Crane* and Mr. *Kinsey* laid before the House the Proceedings of the Continental Congress, held at *Philadelphia* in *September* last, which were read.—On the Question, Whether the House approve of the said Proceedings, it passed in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House do unanimously approve of the Proceedings of the Congress.

Resolved, That *James Kinsey*, *Stephen Crane*, *William Livingston*, *John De Hart* and *Richard Smith*, Esquires, (or any Three of them) be, and they are hereby appointed to attend the Continental Congress of the Colonies, intended to be held at the City of *Philadelphia* in *May* next, or at any other Time or Place, and that they report their Proceedings to the next Sessions of General Assembly; instructing the said Delegates to propose and agree to every reasonable and constitutional Measure for the Accommodation of the unhappy Difference at present subsisting between our Mother-Country and the Colonies, which the House most ardently wish for.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do transmit a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions to the Speakers of the Assemblies of *New-York* and *Pennsylvania*.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this House be given to *James Kinsey*, *Stephen Crane*, *William Livingston*, *John De Hart* and *Richard Smith*, Esquires, for their faithful and judicious Discharge of the Trust reposed in them at the late Continental Congress.

A true Copy, JONA. DEARE, *Clerk*."

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered their Message, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Business at present to lay before the House, but if any should occur during their Sitting, he would acquaint them with it by Message.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 21, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Daugherty*, this Day appearing for the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

A Petition from the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that frequent Complaints have been made by many of the respectable Inhabitants of the said City, that the Fairs held therein, under the Proprietary Charter, twice in every Year, have, since the great Increase of Stores and Shops for the Sale of every Species of Merchandize, been found not only useless, but to have become Nuisances, as they tend to debauch the Morals of the People, and to facilitate the Commission of Thefts and other Offences within the said City;—

that the Board being ever desirous, as far as in them lies, to reform all such Evils as may from Time to Time be discovered to arise destructive of the Peace and good Order of the City, would have proceeded to make such Regulations respecting the said Fairs, as would have removed all Cause of Complaint for the future, but, on inspecting their Charter, they do not find themselves impowered either to discontinue the said Fairs, or to make any such Regulations therein, as to the Frequency or Duration of holding the same, as can tend to remedy the Mischiefs complained of:——That they therefore beg Leave to lay the Matter before the Honourable House, and to pray they may have Liberty to bring in a Bill, to enable the Corporation to afford the Inhabitants of the said City such Redress in the Premises as shall be thought reasonable and proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Westmoreland* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they have met repeatedly, in order to receive the Returns of Property from the several Townships of the said County, that a Tax might be levied and assessed as by Law directed, but that from the present Disturbances, raised by the *Virginians*, many of the Inhabitants have refused to give such Returns to the Assistant-Assessors, whereby the Petitioners have been prevented in the Execution of their Duty;——that under these Circumstances they have thought it necessary to acquaint the House with their Situation, and to request that some Provision may be made for those who have shewn their Attachment to this Government by remitting their Taxes, until the Dispute about a Boundary shall be determined by proper Authority. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Draught of Instructions, reported at the last Sitting, for the Deputies appointed on the Part of this Province to attend the Continental Congress, to be held at *Philadelphia* in *May* next, were again read, and referred to further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'AT a Time when the Disputes between *Great-Britain* and her Colonies are drawing towards an alarming Crisis, I cannot, consistent with my Duty to his Majesty, or a proper Attention to the true Interests of the People over whom I

preside, avoid recommending to you any Measure which occurs to me as proper for the Representatives of the Province to pursue, or which in my Opinion may have a Tendency to compose those unhappy Differences.

'You will agree with me, Gentlemen, that in all Cases Wisdom dictates the Use of such Means as are most likely to attain the End proposed. On the present Occasion it is conceived, that any Grievances, which his Majesty's Subjects in *America* apprehend they have Reason to complain of, should be humbly represented to his Majesty by the several Assemblies, as the only proper and constitutional Mode of obtaining Redress; and I have the best Reason to believe, that a proper Attention will be paid to such Representations, and to any Propositions that may be made through that Channel, on the present State of *American* Affairs.

This Mode therefore I earnestly recommend to you to adopt; and I most ardently wish that the Proceedings of this as well as the other Colonies may be of such a temperate and dutiful Nature as to afford a Foundation for a Re-establishment of that Harmony with the Mother Country which is so essential to both.

February 21, 1775. *JOHN PENN.*"

A Petition from *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls and Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Fees established by Law for the Services performed in the said Offices are by no Means adequate to the Care, Expence and Trouble attending the same, and praying the House would take into Consideration the Importance of the said Offices to the Public, and the Expediency of allowing such Fees for the Business to be transacted therein, as will be suitable and proper for the same, and grant such Relief to the Petitioner in the Premises as to their Wisdom and Justice shall seem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *William Scott*, one of the Sons of *Philip Scott*, late of *Lancaster* County, deceased, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, in Pursuance of the Honourable the Proprietaries Warrant of the 8th Day of *February*, 1733, there was surveyed unto *Jacob Sturm* a certain tract of Land on *Beaver* Creek in *Strasburg* Township, in *Lancaster* County aforesaid, which said *Jacob Sturm*, by his written Instrument of Bargain and Sale, conveyed, with the Warrant Right thereof, to *Elizabeth Wyre* and *Robert Wyre*, and their Heirs, who afterwards in and by their In-

denture, bearing Date the 27th Day of *March*, 1749, granted and conveyed the same, with the Estate and Appurtenances, unto *Philip Scott*, the Petitioner's Father, who died intestate seized thereof, leaving Issue three Sons and three Daughters, including the Petitioner, to whom the said Tract of Land, *inter alia*, descended;—that at an Orphans Court held at *Lancaster*, for the County of *Lancaster*, aforesaid, on the Second Day of *June*, 1761, the above-mentioned Tract of warranted Land was confirmed to the Petitioner at a certain Valuation, and under the Payment of the distributive Shares of the other Children of the Decedent, which Shares were all duly paid and discharged;—that the Conveyance from *Jacob Sturm* to *Elizabeth Wyre* and *Robert Wyre* was lost or mislaid; the Grantor and Witnesses being also dead, by Means whereof the Petitioner's Title is rendered defective:—He therefore prays the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant Leave to bring in a Bill to supply the said Defect in his Title.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *William Goddard*, late of the City of *Philadelphia*, Printer, now a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the said City, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition, signed by a great Number of Inhabitants of the Counties of *Chester* and *Lancaster*, for erecting a Bridge over the River *Schuylkill*, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Petition, presented at the last Sitting, from *Lancaster* County, respecting the State of public Roads to the Westward, was again read, and referred to further Consideration in the Afternoon.

The Committee appointed at the last Sitting to prepare and bring in a Bill for strikeing a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, to complete the new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of *Philadelphia*, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to examine what Laws are near expiring, and report therewith such Matters as were recommended over by the late Assembly, or left unfinished at the last Sitting of this House.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *Lancaster* County, respecting the State of public Roads to the Westward, and after some Debate thereon,

Resolved, That this House will, on *Tuesday* next, the 28th of this Instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Laws now in Force for laying out, opening, amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Westmoreland* was again read, and after some Debate, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Williamson*, *Jesse Jones*, *William Lewis* and *William Reece*, of the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they have been most arbitrarily imprisoned and subjected to considerable Costs and Trouble by *William Moore*, a Justice of the Peace in the said County, and praying the House will be pleased to appoint a Day for hearing their Complaints.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 22, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Hunter*, the Member for *Northumberland* County, this Day appearing, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat in the House.

The Committee appointed to examine the Laws near expiring, and report therewith such Matters as were referred over by the late Assembly, or left unfinished at the last Sitting of this House, presented a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that the several Acts of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters*;—"*An Act for punishing wicked and evil-disposed Persons going armed in Disguise, and doing Injuries and Violences on the Persons and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province, and for the more speedy bringing the Offenders to Justice*;—"*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;"—and, "*An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia,

and the County of Bucks;" will expire by their own Limitation at the End of the next Sitting of Assembly.

And that the following Matters were left unfinished and referred over, *viz.*

"*An Act for the Ease of Jurors, and better regulating Juries.*"

A Bill for recording Warrants, Surveys, Deeds and Conveyances.

And a Report of a Committee of the late House on the Machine invented by *Arthur Donaldson*, for cleansing and deepening Docks, removing Beds of Gravel, *&c.*

Submitted to the House by

February 22, 1775. JOHN MORTON,
GEORGE ROSS."

An Address from Mr. *John Reed*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House, read, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable HOUSE *of REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

GENTLEMEN,

AT the Request of several Members of a former House of Assembly of this Province, and many other very respectable Men of real Property, Heirs to the first Purchasers of Land in this Province, and Tenants in common with Mr. *Penn*, I have with great Pains, and a great Expence published a Draught of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, together with a List of the first Purchasers, and a Book of Explanations—a Thing long wished for, and often attempted: All which I humbly dedicate to your Honourable House, and herewith present you with one, hoping it will meet with your Approbation and Encouragement, which will give real Satisfaction to, *Gentlemen*,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant,

Philadelphia, February 21, 1775. JOHN REED."

A Petition from divers Landholders in the District of *Southwark*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, the great Utility of establishing one or more public Landings in the said District, and praying the Aid of the Legislature to raise a sufficient Sum of Money for the Purchase and Improvement of such Land-

ing, to be sunk within a limited Time by a Tax on the landed Interest in the said District.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster*, respecting a Provincial Road, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Thomas* and *John Cuthbert*, of *West-Whiteland*, in the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that *John Cuthbert*, late of the said Township, deceased, Father of the Petitioners, was seized in his own Right of a Tract of Land and Plantation lying in the Township aforesaid, for which he had good and authentic Title-Deeds;—that through the Misfortune of losing his Dwelling-house by Fire, the said Deeds were also lost;—that upon this Event he made Application to the then Assembly, for a Law to repair the Loss, but, before the same could be obtained, died, leaving the said Tract of Land by his last Will and Testament to the Petitioners, who pray the House will be pleased to grant them Leave to bring in a Bill for supplying the said Defect in their Title.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *William Goddard*, and referred the same to the Committee of Grievances for Examination into the Facts.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia*, respecting the Regulation of Fairs in the said City, was again read, and, after some Debate,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land in the Township of* Middletown, *and the County aforesaid, several of the Title-Deeds whereof are lost.*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock *P. M.*

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the holding of Fairs within the City of* Philadelphia," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from divers Freeholders of the District of *Southwark*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying that Money may not be granted for purchasing and improving public Landings in the said District, and stating sundry Objections to the Mode proposed for sinking the Sum required for that Purpose, in Case any should be granted. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Laws near expiring, and such Matters as were recommended over by the late Assembly, or left unfinished at the last Sitting of this House, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Assize of Bread.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Hunter*, Mr. *Daugherty* and Mr. *William Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Recording Warrants, Surveys, Deeds and Conveyances.

The House then taking into Consideration the Petition of *Arthur Donaldson*, relative to a Machine of his Invention for cleansing and deepening Docks, removing Beds of Gravel, *&c.* and the Report of the Committee of the late House thereon, together with the Recommendation of the said House,

Resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the said *Arthur Donaldson*, as a Reward for his Ingenuity in the said Invention.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, the same was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Hillegas*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 23, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and taking into Consideration the Governor's Message of the 21st Instant, after some Time spent in Debate thereon, referred the same to further Consideration To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *William Scott*, of *Lancaster* County, was again read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination into the Facts.

The Petition from *John Williamson*, *Jesse Jones*, *William Lewis* and *William Reece*, of *Chester* County, being, upon Motion, read a second time, was, after some Consideration,

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Hillegas* presented at the Table two Accounts, *viz.* one from Mr. *Luke Morris*, for a Boat and necessary Ropes, *&c.* at the *Province-Island* Ferry, amounting to £67 7 1, the other from Messrs. *Luke Morris*, *Thomas Wharton* and *Samuel Morris*, for Monies by them expended on the Road leading to the said Island, and on the Wharff at the End of the said Road, Balance in their Favour £116 4 8. Which Sums being allowed by the House, an Order for the Whole was drawn on the Provincial Treasurer, to be paid out of the Rents of the said Island in his Hands.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 24, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and proceeded, agreeable to the Resolution of Yesterday, in the Consideration of the Governor's Message, which producing a Debate of considerable Length, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the further Consideration thereof shall be postponed till some Day in the Week after next? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 25, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Septimus Levering*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the said City, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from a Majority of the back Inhabitants of *Lancaster* and *Berks* Counties was presented to the House and read, praying that a Part of each of the said Counties may be erected into a separate County for the better Administration of Justice among the Petitioners and other Inhabitants. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Bedford* was presented to the House and read, praying an Abatement of the Taxes on the poor Inhabitants

of the said County, in Consideration of their present unsettled State from the Disturbances of the late *Indian* War.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Township of* Middleton, *and the County aforesaid, several of the Title-Deeds whereof are lost,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That this House will on *Wednesday*, the 8th of *March* next, resume the Consideration of the Governor's Message.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 27, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Northumberland* County was presented to the House and read, setting forth the public Utility of altering and amending a new Road laid out from the Town of *Sunbury* to *Reading*, as the most certain Means of bringing the Produce of the said County to the Market of *Philadelphia*, and praying the Assistance of the Legislature towards this useful Purpose.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Thomond Ball*, of the Town of *Sunbury*, in the County of *Northumberland*, for the Office of Collector of Excise in the said County, in the Place of *Thomas Lemon*, the present Collector, whose declining Health induces him to resign the said Office, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from *Thomas* and *John Cuthbert*, of *West-Whiteland*, and *John Morris*, of *Eastown* Township, in the County of *Chester*, were again read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

The Petition of *Septimus Levering*, an insolvent Debtor, was also read the second time, and referred to the said Committee for Enquiry into the Facts.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Address from *John Reed*, and after some Debate,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds* be allowed and given to the said *John Reed*, as an Encouragement for

the Publication of his Map of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia.*

And a Certificate for the said Sum was drawn at the Table, and signed by the Speaker.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 28, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and the Order of *Tuesday* last being read, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Laws now in Force for laying out, opening, amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Morton* reported from the Committee, that they had taken into Consideration the Subject referred to them, but not having Time to come to any Result thereon this Morning, they had directed him to request Leave for their Sitting again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Order of the Forenoon being read, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Laws now in Force concerning public Roads, and, after a Debate of some Length, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Morton* reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business before them, but not having finished their Deliberations thereon, they desired Leave to sit again in the Morning, which being granted accordingly,

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 1, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Edward Shippen*, Esq; Recorder of Deeds for the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Fees established by Law for the Recording of Deeds, are very inadequate to the Trouble and Expence attending the same, and praying that the House will be pleased to take into Consideration the Propriety and Expediency of making such an Increase of the Fees for that Service, as to them shall appear equitable and just.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Representation and Memorial from the Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in Pursuance of a Law of this Province passed in *February*, 1773, appointing Wardens, *&c.* for the Port of *Philadelphia*, the Memorialist have discharged the

Debts due for building a Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, compleated several Piers, and formed a safe and commodious Harbour at *Fort Island*, and have sunk three Piers at *Reedy Island*, by which they have expended the Money struck by Virtue of the said Act;—that to complete the Harbour at *Reedy Island*, three additional Piers are yet necessary, which the Memorialists apprehend will cost *Three Thousand five Hundred Pounds*;—that the Navigation of the River cannot be rendered secure in the Winter Season, unless Piers are also erected at *Chester* and *Marcus Hook*, which, it is judged will cost *Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*;—that the Tonnage laid on Vessels produces annually about £1,650; and as the Expence of supporting the Light-house, Buoys, *&c.* amounts to about *Nine Hundred Pounds per Annum*, there remains *Seven Hundred and Fifty* a Year, to be applied towards sinking the Sum of *Twelve Thousand Pounds*, struck in Consequence of the above recited Act;——that the Memorialists have already paid into the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer *Seventeen Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, towards sinking the Money struck for their Use, which Sum of £1,750 remains in the Treasurer's Hands;—that the Purpose of rendering the Navigation of the River *Delaware* secure in the Winter Season (for which the Memorialists were appointed) cannot be completed without the further Assistance of the Legislature of this Province; that the Memorialists therefore request to be indulged with the Use of the Money already raised by Tonnage, and now remaining in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, and that the Time limited by the aforesaid Act, for sinking the Sum of *Twelve Thousand Pounds* may be extended for a few Years, which will enable the Memorialists to complete such Piers as are yet necessary to secure the Trade of this Province in Winter, without laying an additional Burthen on Shipping, which the Memorialists apprehend cannot be borne. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Managers of the Alms-house and House of Employment, in Behalf of themselves and others, Inhabitants of *Philadelphia*, the *Northern Liberties* and District of *Southwark*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Number of Poor maintained in the said Houses has lately, from a Variety of Causes, greatly increased, so that the Funds of the Institution are found to be insufficient for their Support;——that in Consequence thereof the Managers have been obliged to contract considerable Debts with Persons, many of whom are now very pressing to be paid;——that the Manufactures in the House have been for

some Time past, and still are, carried on to little Advantage, for Want of a sufficient Stock to purchase raw Materials; that the Petitioners apprehend they have no legal Method of removing these Difficulties and Discouragements, but by requesting the Magistrates to lay a third Tax on the Inhabitants of the City and Districts aforesaid, a Method, which the Petitioners are of Opinion, would be both disagreeable and oppressive to a People already burthened with numerous Taxes;—that the Petitioners have therefore drawn up an Estimate of the Expences and Profits, which would arise from an Office that might be erected for the Sweeping of Chimnies within the City and Districts aforesaid, which they conceive, under the Direction of the Managers, might be so constituted as to be beneficial to the Inhabitants, and raise such a Sum of Money, as, if applied towards the Expences of the Alms-house and House of Employment, would in some Measure relieve them in their present Embarrassment;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and permit them to bring in a Bill for the Purpose aforesaid, subject to such Alterations and Amendments as they in their Wisdom shall think proper.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Stevens*, of *East-Nantmel*, in the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by much Study, Labour and Expence, and a great Number of Experiments, he is become Master of the Art of making Black Lead Crucibles, or Melting Pots for the running or melting Metals, equal in Goodness, if not superior, to any imported into the Province, from beyond the Seas;—that the Petitioner is desirous of carrying on the Business of making these Vessels in a more extensive Manner than he has hitherto done, but finds it impracticable at such an Expence as will suit his Circumstances;—that his Application for Assistance to the House has been occasioned by an Apprehension that his Art might transpire had he made it elsewhere, and the Profits of this new Manufactory get into other Hands:—That he therefore humbly prays the Honourable House would take the Premises into their Consideration, and grant him such Encouragement, as they may think adequate to the public Usefulness of his Discovery.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said County is in many Parts infested with a Set of Men, who taking upon them the Offices of Physicians

and Surgeons, (though in Reality no better than Empiricks or Quacks) administer Drugs so unskillfully and ignorantly, that some Persons have, in all Probability, thereby lost their Lives, and others been rendered Cripples, to the great Grievance, Loss and Impoverishment of many Families:—That the Petitioners therefore pray that a Bill may be prepared and passed enjoining that no Person or Persons professing the Art of Physic or Surgery, except those of established and unquestionable Reputation, shall presume to practice, under certain Pains and Penalties, until he or they have first undergone an Examination before two or more skilful and judicious Physicians of the City of *Philadelphia*, who shall report their Opinion (if he be found capable) to two or more of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and shall obtain their Certificate of such Report accordingly;—that the Petitioners humbly conceive such Regulation should be extended over the whole Province, and have no Doubt it would have a very salutary and good Effect by encouraging Men of real Learning and Ability in those Professions to settle among them.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Order of last Night being read, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Subject before them Yesterday, and, after some Time spent in the further Consideration thereof, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Morton* reported from the Committee, that as they were not yet ready to report their Proceedings to the House, they desired Leave to sit again in the Morning.

Ordered, That the Committee have Leave to sit accordingly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 2, 1775.

The House met, and, pursuant to the Order of last Night, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Business before them Yesterday, and, after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Morton* reported from the Committee, that they had concluded their Deliberations on the Matter referred to them, and come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report, when the House may be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Resolutions of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Morton* then (according to Order) reported the said Resolutions, which he first read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Table, where the same were again read by Order, and follow in these Words, *viz.*

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Commissioners be appointed by Act of Assembly, to view the Provincial Roads from the City of *Philadelphia* to the Town of *York*, through the Borough of *Lancaster*, from *Philadelphia* to the Town of *Carlisle*, and from *Philadelphia* to the Town of *Reading*; and that the said Commissioners have Power to alter, straighten and regulate the same as they shall judge most advantageous to the Public.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the laying out, opening and putting the said Roads in proper Repair be a Provincial Charge; and that the Sum to be laid out on the Road from the City of *Philadelphia* to the Town of *York*, through *Lancaster*, shall not exceed *Six Thousand Pounds*; on the Road from *Philadelphia* to *Carlisle* shall not exceed *Two Thousand Pounds*; and on the Road from *Philadelphia*, through *Germantown*, to *Reading* shall not exceed *Four Thousand Pounds.*

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Galloway*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Daugherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating public Roads, agreeable to the Resolutions of the Forenoon.

A Petition, signed by a great Number of Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the manifest Mischiefs and Inconveniences arising from the holding of Fairs, have engaged the Petitioners to desire their Suppression, and being informed that the Mayor and Commonalty of the said City (to whom Complaints have been made on this Occasion) are desirous, and have concluded, to petition for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to grant a proper and necessary Redress of this Grievance, they (the Petitioners) request the House would be pleased to comply with the said Petition.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from the Commissioners appointed by Law for improving the Navigation of the River *Delaware*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Two Petitions from *James Read* and *Lewis Gordon*, Esquires, Recorders of Deeds for the Counties of *Berks* and *Northampton*, were presented to the House and read, praying an Increase of the Fees allowed by Law for that Service.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia, " and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Town of* Middleton, *and the County aforesaid, several of the Title-Deeds whereof are lost,*" being transcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

Pursuant to Leave at the last Sitting, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees therein mentioned to sell and dispose of a certain Tract of Land, and to apply the Monies arising therefrom to the Use of the* Low Dutch Reformed Congregation, *or a Religious Society of* Christians, *called* Dutch Presbyterians," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed this Afternoon, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bills into Consideration, and give them all convenient Dispatch.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *John Stephens*, of *Chester* County, for Assistance in manufacturing Crucibles, *&c.* was again read, and, after Debate, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 3, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from sundry Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners being principal Exporters of Flour from the said City, have had full Experience of the many Inconveniences and Disadvantages resulting from the Want of a Law to fix and regulate the Weights of that Commodity by certain suitable Standards, and also to determine the Size or Sizes of the containing Casks;—that the Petitioners having bestowed considerable Attention upon the Subject, beg Leave to refer the House to the annexed Paper of Observation, which also contains a Scheme of such Regulations, as they conceive will greatly conduce to the Ease and

Benefit of all who are concerned in the Selling and Shipping the said Article, from the Merchant here to the foreign Factor; and will afford readier and more certain Means of detecting the Frauds and Impositions that are frequently attempted in the Weights of this Staple Commodity of the Province;—that the Petitioners well knowing the Regard their Assemblies have ever shewn to the Commercial Interest of the Province, pray the House will take the Premises into Consideration, and frame a Bill agreeable to the Scheme herewith offered. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Recording of Deeds, *&c.* reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees therein mentioned to sell and dispose of a certain Tract of Land, and to apply the Monies arising therefrom to the Use of the* Low Dutch Reformed Congregation, *or a Religious Society of* Christians, *called* Dutch Presbyterians," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Petition from the Managers of the Alms-house and House of Employment was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpose mentioned in their Petition.

The House took into Consideration the Petition from a Number of the back Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Berks* for a separate County, together with the Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Northampton* County against unskilful Persons practising Physic and Surgery, and, after some Time spent therein, ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Representation and Memorial from the Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia* was again read, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of *Six Thousand Pounds*, for the Purposes mentioned in the said Representation, to be sunk by a further Extension of the Act appointing Wardens for the Port of *Philadelphia*.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions of *William Goddard* and *William Scott* were referred for Examination, presented at the Table a written Report thereon, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they attended according to Notice at the Gaol of this City, to hear the Objections of the Creditors of *William Goddard* to the Release of his Person from Imprisonment, and none of them appearing, except one, (whose Objections were not material) the Committee are of Opinion, that he is a proper Object for the Relief he solicits.

That the Committee have also heard and examined into the Case of *William Scott*, relative to the Loss of a Title-Deed, and are of Opinion he should have the Aid of the House he prays for.

Which Matters are submitted to the House by

JOHN FOULKE, (sic) JOSEPH PARKER,
GEORGE ROSS, JONATHAN ROBERTS,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, THOMAS MIFFLIN."

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Bedford*, and after some Time spent therein.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from the District of *Southwark*, for and against the Purchase and Improvement of a public Landing in the said District, were again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That. Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Daugherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompson* be a Committee to hear the Petitioners relative to the said Landing, and report thereon to the House.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Daugherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompson* be added to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petition of *Thomond Ball*, for the Office of Collector of Excise in the County of *Northumberland*, was read a second time, and after some Consideration,

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Henry Hale Graham*, Esq; Recorder of Deeds in and for the County of *Chester*, was presented to the

House and read, praying an Increase of the Fees may be allowed by Law for that Service.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 4, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Complaint of *William Brown* was referred for Enquiry, reported to the House, "That they had heard the said Complaint relative to the Sale of his Land for the Taxes due thereon; that the Sheriff does not appear to them to have acted a Part inconsistent with his Duty, and that they are of Opinion the Land did not sell for its Value, owing perhaps to a certain——*Scot*, who was the Purchaser at the Sheriff's Sale, setting up a Claim to the Land before the Day of Sale."

The said Committee also reported on the Petition of *Septimus Levering*, referred to them for Examination, "That they had attended at the Gaol in this City, to hear what Objection might be made against the Relief of the Petitioner, according to Notice for that Purpose, and no Creditor appearing to oppose his Discharge, they are of Opinion, he is a proper Object of the Relief he Prays for."

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread, *&c.* reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Daniel Andrew, *in and to certain Lands in* Amity *Township, in the County of* Berks," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion by a Member, that the Doors be opened, and the reputable Inhabitants of the City admitted to hear the Debates of the House on *Wednesday* next, the Question was put by the Speaker, and *Carried in the Negative.*

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Parker,*	Mr. *Gray,*
Mr. *Mifflin,*	Mr. *Pawling,*
Mr. *Charles Thomson,*	Mr. *Israel Jacobs,*
Mr. *Wayne,*	Mr. *Roberts,*
Mr. *Ross,*	Mr. *Hillegas,*
Mr. *Ewing,*	Mr. *Brown,*
Mr. *Swoope,*	Mr. *Foulke,*
Mr. *Allen,*	Mr. *Rodman,*
Mr. *Chreist,*	Mr. *Chapman,*
Mr. *Edmonds,*	Mr. *Galloway,*
Mr. *Daugherty,*	Mr. *Heany,*
Mr. *Hunter,*	Mr. *John Jacobs,*
Mr. *William Thompson.*	Mr. *Pearson,*
	Mr. *Humphreys,*
	Mr. *Morton,*
	Mr. *Webb,*
	Mr. *Ferree,*
	Mr. *Slough.*

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

March 6, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of this Province, for opening a Communication between the Waters of the *Ohio* and *Susquehanna*, by which the distant Settlers may more easily bring the Produce of their Farms, and the *Indian* Traders their Peltry to the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, exhibiting a Complaint against the Commissioners of the said County, for having pulled down the old Work-house, (a very good Building) and erected a new one, considerably larger than was necessary, by which Means the Inhabitants are subjected to a much heavier Tax, and praying Relief in the Premises.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 7, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, *"An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia," and ac-

quainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

The Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Township of* Middleton, *and the County aforesaid, several of the Title-Deeds whereof are lost,*" and informed the House that his Honour could not give his Assent to the said Bill.

With the above, Mr. Secretary likewise delivered a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

'*GENTLEMEN*,

'ON *Saturday* last a Number of *Indians* of the *Tuscarora*, *Nanticoke* and *Conoy* Tribes, who reside on the Heads of the *Susquehanna*, came to Town with their Families on a friendly Visit to this Government.

'They have represented to me that they are very poor, and in great Want of Clothing and other Necessaries, which they earnestly request to be supplied with.

'As I think Humanity, as well as good Policy, requires that we should comply with their Request, I must recommend it to you to make immediate Provision for furnishing them with a Present of such Goods as their Necessities demand, and defraying the Expences of their Journey.

March 7, 1775. *JOHN PENN*."

The Committee appointed to view the River *Schuylkill*, in order to discover the most proper Place for erecting a Bridge over the same, presented to the Chair a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

In Obedience to the Order of the House, we have viewed the River *Schuylkill* from the Falls to the Middle Ferry, as well as the Season and Shortness of the Time would permit, and are of Opinion, that the most suitable Place for a Bridge to accommodate the Public, is the Middle or Corporation Ferry, but as yet have not been able to procure an Estimate of the Cost;—when that is known, if the House should judge the Expence of building a Bridge at that Place too great for the Province too (sic) bear at this Time, we apprehend the next best Places would be either at the Falls, or at *Watson's* Island, a little below the Falls, which may afford a temporary Accommodation to the Western Counties, until such

future Time as the Province should think proper to erect another at the first-mentioned Place.

From the Report of a skilful Architect, who has viewed the River *Schuylkill*, a Bridge may be built and ensured to stand Eight Years at the Falls for the Sum of *Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*, and at *Watson's* Island for the Sum of *Nine Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*.

For the further Information of the House, we beg Leave to refer them to the several Plans of Bridges laid before your Committee, and herewith presented to the House.

All which is humbly submitted by

CHARLES THOMSON,	JOHN DICKINSON,
JOHN BROWN,	JONATHAN ROBERTS,
WILLIAM RODMAN,	THOMAS MIFFLIN,
ISAAC PEARSON,	MICHAEL HILLEGAS."

A Representation and Petition from the *American Philosophical Society* was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

GENTLEMEN,

IT must yield a sensible Satisfaction to the good People of this Province, which you represent, to find, that although it be among the youngest of our *American* Settlements, its Reputation has risen high among the Sister Colonies, and has extended even to the remotest Parts of *Europe*, on account of our many public spirited Institutions, and our rapid Improvements in all useful Arts. This Satisfaction is also greatly increased, when we consider that, notwithstanding these Institutions, through the Necessity of the Case, were generally obliged to derive much of their first Support from the Benevolence of Individuals; yet a liberal Spirit, for their Encouragement and final Establishment, has gone forth among our Representatives, in Proportion to the Increase of our Provincial Funds. And indeed the Savings of public Money, after supplying the Exigencies of the State, are never more laudably directed than towards the promoting whatever is useful and ornamental in Society.

It is with unfeigned Gratitude that your Petitioners recollect the repeated Occasions you have given them of acknowledging your Bounty and Protection in carrying on their Designs "for the Advancement of useful Knowledge," and it is their firm Resolution never to abuse your former Indulgence

by any future unnecessary or unimportant Applications. By the Means now in their own Power, they hope, in general, to be able to prosecute their Plan, except so far, as they may sometimes find it incumbent on them humbly to suggest to you the Encouragement of useful Inventions, and the patronizing Undertakings beneficial to the whole Community. And it is in this last View that they presume to address you at this Time.

Amidst the Variety of Fields, which, in this new World, lie open to the Investigation of your Petitioners, they have, for several Years, turned their Views towards one, wherein they hope to gather some of their chief Laurels, and to make Discoveries alike honourable to their Country and themselves. Our Distance from the chief *Observatories* in the World, the Purity and Serenity of our Atmosphere, invite us, nay loudly call upon us, to institute a Series of regular *Astronomical Observations*; the Comparison of which with those made in *Europe*, and elsewhere, might settle some very important Points, and contribute greatly to give a last Perfection to Geography and Navigation. The Advantages derived to those noble and useful Sciences, from such Observations, are so obvious, that there is scarce a civilized Nation in the World that has not made some Provision for prosecuting them, and your Petitioners have been honoured with repeated Solicitations, from some of the greatest Men in *Europe*, to join with them in this great Work, and in a mutual Communication of our Labours.

It would be inexcusable, therefore, in your Petitioners to neglect the present Opportunity of endeavouring to set such a Design on Foot, when we have a Gentleman among us, whose Abilities, speculative as well as practical, would do Honour to any Country, and who is nevertheless indebted for Bread to his daily Toil, in an Occupation the most unfriendly both to Health and Study. Under his Auspices the Work may now be undertaken with the greatest Advantages, and others may be bred up by him to prosecute it in future Times; but if the present Opportunity is neglected, perhaps whole Centuries may not afford such another. To rescue such a Man from the Drudgery of *manual Labour*, and give him an Occasion of indulging his Bent of Genius, with Advantage to his Country, is an Honour which crowned Heads might glory in,—but it is an Honour also, which, it is hoped, in the Case of a Native, *Pennsylvania* would not yield to the greatest Prince or People on Earth!

The Design which your Petitioners have projected, and

now humbly beg Leave to lay before your Honourable House, is as follows, *viz.*

First, That the Honourable Proprietaries be petitioned to grant a Lot of Ground, for erecting a public Observatory, and to give such other Encouragement to the Design as they may think proper. And from their known Attachment to the Interest of this Country, as well as their professed Readiness to serve the Gentleman, who is proposed to conduct the Design, your Petitioners cannot have any Doubt of their kind Compliance with this humble Request.

Secondly, That the Assistance of your Honourable House be also requested, agreeable to the concluding Prayer of this Petition.

Thirdly, That a Subscription be promoted for erecting a public Observatory, and furnishing it with such Instruments as may be wanted, in Addition to those valuable ones now in the Province. Of the Success of this Subscription among our benevolent Fellow-Citizens there can be no Doubt; and the Expence of the additional Instruments will not be great, as the Gentleman, proposed to conduct the Design, is capable of constructing them all with his own Hand in the most accurate and masterly Manner.

Fourthly, That the Observatory shall be at all Times open to the Curious, and particularly that Captains and Mates of Vessels, and young Gentlemen desirous of obtaining a practical Knowledge in Astronomy, shall have Admittance, and (under proper Rules to be framed for that Purpose) be taught the Use of Instruments, and the Method of making Observations, especially the *new Method* of ascertaining the *Longitude* at Sea; for the perfecting of which the Parliament of *Great-Britain* has of late given such ample Rewards, to the singular Advantage of Trade and Navigation.

Fifthly, That the Observations to be made by the public Observer, shall be annually published, under the Inspection of the *American Philosophical Society*, and communicated to the learned Societies in *Europe*, with such Remarks as may render them generally useful and entertaining.

Sixthly, That the same Person might also be appointed Surveyor of the High-Roads and Waters, in order that when any public Proposals are to be made for improving Navigation and shortening the Communications between capital Trading Places, there may be always a Person who has Leisure and is skilled in measuring and reducing Distances, taking Heights and Levels, and who may be employed in Conjunction with others, when necessary, to make Report on all such Matters,

either at the Expence of those who request such Service, or at the public Expence, as the Case may require.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honourable House would take the Premises into your Consideration, and allow a yearly Salary for such Person, at least as a public Astronomical Observer, if you should not view the additional Office of Surveyor of the High-Roads and Waters in the same important Light as it is viewed by your Petitioners; and they further pray, that you would give them Leave to bring in a Bill for the legislative Appointment of such public Observer, and for regulating his Duty in the Execution of his Trust; and your Petitioners shall ever pray, *&c.*

Signed in Behalf and by Order of the American Philosophical Society, *at* Philadelphia,
March 6, 1775. THOMAS BOND, *V. P.*"

A Petition from *Robert Callender*, of the County of *Cumberland*, Yeoman, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in the Month of *August*, 1769, when the Petitioner was sending a considerable Quantity of Goods and Merchandizes to the Value of near *Six Hundred Pounds* prime Cost towards *Pittsburg*, his Servants and Horse-Drivers were attacked in the Day Time near the Crossings of *Juniata* by a Number of armed Men having their Faces blacked, who seized the Goods and Merchandizes of the Petitioner, Part whereof they carried off, and set Fire to the rest, but a few Articles were yet saved by *Christopher Lems*, Esq; and the Men who came in his Company to the Assistance of the Drivers; that the Persons, who committed this Outrage in Violation of the Laws, being unknown to the Petitioner, notwithstanding his utmost Endeavours, he was not able to obtain that Redress, which the same Laws would otherwise have afforded him;—that his great Loss thereby sustained lies so heavy on him, that he finds himself under the Necessity of applying to the Honourable House, and praying they will be pleased to grant him such Relief as they may think proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Persons interested in, and inhabiting the Townships of the *Northern Liberties* and *Roxborough*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying that Provision be made in the Road Bill now under their Consideration for regulating and keeping in proper Repair the first twelve Miles from the City of the *Wissahiccon* or *Ridge* Road, as a Part of the true *Reading* Road, one of the Objects of the said Bill.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, praying the House will prepare and transmit a Petition to the Crown on the present Grievances of the Colonies, was presented and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *John Eunouch, Jacob Supplee*, and others, was referred for Examination, reported, "That they had heard the Petitioners, and begged Leave to recommend them to the House as proper Objects for the Relief they solicit."

The Report of the said Committee on the Petitions of *William Goddard* and *Septimus Levering*, insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of this City, being again read,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Petitioners, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill for regulating the Sweeping of Chimnies in the City of *Philadelphia*, Part of the *Northern Liberties* and the District of *Southwark*, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees therein mentioned to sell and dispose of a certain Tract of Land, and to apply the Monies arising therefrom to the Use of the* Low Dutch Reformed *Congregation, or a Religious Society of* Christians, *called* Dutch Presbyterians," being read the third time, and compared at the Table,

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass

Ordered, That Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Wynkoop* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *William Goddard* and *Septimus Levering*,

insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Daniel Andrew, *in and to certain Lands in* Amity *Township, in the County of* Berks," being also read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 8, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, when the Order of the 25th of last Month being read, they proceeded to the Consideration of the Governor's Message, and after a Debate of some Length,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Galloway*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Dougherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they understand some of the Merchants of the said City have petitioned the House for a Law to a regulate Flour Casks, and the Packing of Flour; which, if carried into Execution, the Petitioners apprehend will be attended with great Mischiefs to the Millers and Manufacturers of Flour, as well as a very considerable Discouragement to the *New-England* Trade, and of no real Advantage to this Province;—That the Petitioners therefore pray the House will furnish them with a Copy of the Merchants Petition, and give them a Hearing before any final Decision is made thereon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Chester*, *Lancaster* and *Berks* was presented to the House and read, praying an Encouragement for destroying of Wolves, by which they have for some Years past been much infested, and suffered considerable Loss in their Sheep and Calves. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of Yesterday, relating to the Company of *Indians* now in Town, and after some Debate thereon,

Resolved, That a Sum not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed for the Expences of the said *Indians*, and for purchasing such Clothing, *&c.* as they may stand in need of; and that Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Mifflin* do draw on Doctor *Samuel Preston Moore* for any Sum not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds*, to be paid out of the Interest-Money in his Hands for the said Purpose.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which was read, and referred for further Consideration till To-morrow.

The Petition from the County of *Lancaster*, against the Com missioners of the said County for pulling down the old Work-house, was again read, and, after some Debate, referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Facts.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulateing the Sweeping of Chimnies in the City of* Philadelphia, *Part of the* Northern Liberties, *and the District of* Southwark," and after some Debate thereon, referred the same to further Consideration at their next Sitting.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 9, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, for Aid in supporting a public Road from the Town of *Reading* to Fort *Augusta*, called *The Schuylkill Road*, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Two Petitions from *Alexander Hunter* and *Daniel Rees*, for the Office of Collector of Excise in the County of *Northumberland*, were presented to the House and read.——

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Joseph Baldwin* and *Joseph Vandegrift*, concerning the Use of Ropes at *Neshaminey* Ferry, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Answer brought in last Night to the Governor's Message, which was again read, when a Member moving that the said Answer be recommitted, a Debate arose, and after some Time spent therein, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker.

Carried in the Negative.

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Pawling,*	Mr. *Gray,*
Mr. *Israel Jacobs,*	Mr. *Parker,*
Mr. *Roberts,*	Mr. *Hillegas,*
Mr. *Rhoads,*	Mr. *Mifflin,*
Mr. *Brown,*	Mr. *Charles Thompson,*
Mr. *Foulke,*	Mr. *Bartholomew,*
Mr. *Rodman,*	Mr. *John Jacobs,*
Mr. *Chapman,*	Mr. *Gibbons,*
Mr. *Galloway,*	Mr. *Pearson,*
Mr. *Wynkoop,*	Mr. *Humphreys,*
Mr. *Heany,*	Mr. *Morton,*
Mr. *Pennock,*	Mr. *Wayne,*
Mr. *Webb,*	Mr. *Ross,*
Mr. *Ferree,*	Mr. *Ewing,*
Mr. *Slough.*	Mr. *Swoope,*
	Mr. *Allen,*
	Mr. *Montgomery,*
	Mr. *Chreist,*
	Mr. *Edmonds,*
	Mr. *Daugherty,*
	Mr. *Hunter,*
	Mr. *William Thompson.*

The House then proceeded in considering the said Answer, which being debated by Paragraphs, the Question was put, Whether the same shall be transcribed, and sent to the Governor? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Gray,*	Mr. *Pawling,*
Mr. *Parker,*	Mr. *Israel Jacobs,*
Mr. *Hillegas,*	Mr. *Roberts,*
Mr. *Mifflin,*	Mr. *Rhoads,*
Mr. *Charles Thompson,*	Mr. *Brown,*
Mr. *Bartholomew,*	Mr. *Foulke,*
Mr. *John Jacobs,*	Mr. *Rodman,*
Mr. *Gibbons,*	Mr. *Chapman,*
Mr. *Pearson,*	Mr. *Galloway,*
Mr. *Humphreys,*	Mr. *Wynkoop,*
Mr. *Morton,*	Mr. *Heany,*
Mr. *Wayne,*	Mr. *Pennock,*
Mr. *Ross,*	Mr. *Webb,*
Mr. *Ewing,*	Mr. *Ferree,*
Mr. *Swoope,*	Mr. *Slough.*
Mr. *Allen,*	

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Montgomery*,	
Mr. *Chreist*,	
Mr. *Edmonds*,	
Mr. *Daugherty*,	
Mr. *Hunter*,	
Mr. *William Thompson*.	

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message being transcribed, according to Order, was signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

WE are sincerely obliged to your Honour for your Attention to the true Interests of the People over whom you preside, at a Time when the Disputes between *Great-Britain* and the *American* Colonies are drawing towards an alarming Crisis; and we agree with you, "That in all Cases Wisdom dictates the Use of such Means as are most likely to attain the End proposed."

We have, with deep Concern, beheld a System of Colony Administration pursued since the Year 1763, destructive to the Rights and Liberties of his Majesty's most faithful Subjects in *America*, and have heretofore adopted such Measures as we thought were most likely to restore that Affection and Harmony between the Parent State and the Colonies, which it is the true Interest of both Countries to cultivate and maintain, and which we most sincerely wish to see restored.

We must inform your Honour, that a most humble, dutiful and affectionate Petition from the Delegates of all the Colonies from *Nova Scotia* to *Georgia* is now at the Foot of the Throne, and we trust in the paternal Affection and Justice of our most gracious Sovereign, that he will interpose for the Relief of his greatly distressed and ever faithful Subjects in *America*.

We assure your Honour, that this House will always pursue such Measures, as shall appear to them necessary, for securing the Liberties of *America*, and establishing Peace, Confidence and Harmony between *Great-Britain* and her Colonies.

Signed by Order of the House,

March 9, 1775. EDWARD BIDDLE, *Speaker*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Wayne* wait on the Governor, and deliver the foregoing Answer to his Message.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

An Account from *Richard Mason*, of £ 16 7 6, for his Trouble and Expences in unspiking of Cannon, was presented to the Chair; and being allowed by the House, a Certificate for the said Sum was drawn, and signed by the Speaker.

The Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for acknowledgeing and recording of Deeds,*" being transcribed, according to Order, and compared, a Member presented at the Table a Rider to the said Bill, which having been twice read, and agreed to by the House, was annexed to the same.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Daniel Andrew, *in and to certain Lands in* Amity *Township, in the County of* Berks," being also transcribed, and compared,

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 10, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to Suppress the holding of Fairs within the City of* Philadelphia," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Ordered, That Mr. *Israel Jacobs* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed last Night, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds,*" and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Daniel Andrew *in and to certain Lands, in* Amity *Township, in the County of* Berks," for his Consideration and Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

The several Bills, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;*"——"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned;*"——"*An Act for the Relief of* William Goddard *and* Septimus Levering, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of*

their Persons;"——and, "*An Act to suppress the holding of Fairs within the City of* Philadelphia;"—being transcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Slough* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Representation and Petition from the *American Philosophical Society*, and after some Debate, referred the same to further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to hear the Petitioners for and against the regulating of Flour Casks.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 11, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the several Bills passed last Night, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating and repairing certain public Roads within this Province, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from *Joseph Hague*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he was brought up in the manufacturing of Woollens and Cottons in *England*, and come to *America* last Summer, with Intentions of setting up those Branches in this Province, in which he expected Employment;—that finding the high Price paid for Spinning a very great Discouragement to his Undertaking, he gave Instructions for making a Machine similar to those lately invented, and used in *England* for that Purpose, whereby the Expence of Labour is exceedingly reduced; that not being furnished with either a Plan or Model of such Machine, he has been at the Expence of much Time, and of some Money in causing one to be constructed;——that having now perfected one, which has given great Satisfaction to many

judicious Gentlemen, who have examined it and seen it work, he humbly hopes the Honourable House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and afford him such Encouragement for introducing the Use of said Machine in this Province, as to them it shall appear to merit.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

March 13, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter, of the 24th of *December* last, from *William Bollan*, *Benjamin Franklin* and *Arthur Lee*, Esquires, Agents in *London*, for the Provinces of *Massachusetts-Bay*, *Pennsylvania* and *Virginia*, informing the House, that the Petition from the *American* Continental Congress to the Crown had been presented by Lord *Dartmouth*, was very graciously received, and that his Majesty had been pleased to say, it was of so great Importance, that he should, as soon as they met, lay it before his two Houses of Parliament.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, and, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" with an Amendment to each of the said Bills, which being read, and agreed to by the House, the said Bills were ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Secretary also delivered the Bills, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees therein mentioned, to sell and dispose of a certain Tract of Land, and to apply the Monies arising therefrom to the Use of the* Low Dutch Reformed *Congregation, or a Religious Society of* Christians, *called* Dutch Presbyterians," and, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Goddard *and* Septimus Levering, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons,*" and acquainted the House, that his Honour would be ready to pass the said Bills when presented to him for that Purpose.

Mr. *Hillegas* produced at the Table an Account for the Pay and Subsistence of the Rangers employed by Government in the County of *Westmoreland*, and a Balance of *Seven Hundred* and *Fifty-nine Pounds One Shilling* and *Seven-pence* appearing to be due to the said Rangers, a Certificate for the same was drawn by Order, and signed by the Speaker.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 14, 1775.

A Letter from the Speaker was laid before the Members, who met this Morning, acquainting them, he was so much indisposed that he could not leave his Chamber, and desiring they would chuse another Speaker, to prevent any Delay of Business.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Speaker in the Morning, and report, whether the State of his Health will allow him to attend the Service of the House at any Time To-morrow.

It was then moved that the Clerk do, by Direction of the Members, adjourn them to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning; and they were adjourned accordingly.

March 15, 1775.

A Quorum met, pursuant to the Adjournment of Yesterday, and the Gentlemen appointed to wait on the Speaker, reported, that he is still too much indisposed to leave his Chamber; that he returns his Acknowledgments to the Members for their kind Attention to him, but requests they will make Choice of another to supply his Place, as it is at present uncertain when he may be able to attend the Business of the House.

The Members then proceeded to chuse another Speaker, when *John Morton*, Esq; was unanimously chosen for that Service, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the late Speaker being, through Indisposition, prevented from attending the House, the Members have chosen Mr. *Morton* in his Stead, and request to know when his Honour will be pleased to receive the House that they may present their Speaker for his Approbation.

The Members return, and report, they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that the Governor was pleased to say, he would be at the Council-Chamber in Half an Hour, to receive the House with their Speaker.

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speeker (sic) resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Honour, and presented their Speaker (of whom he had been pleased to approve); that he (the Speaker) had then mentioned, that as his Predecessor had lately claimed, in Behalf of the present Assembly, their usual Privileges, it was unnecessary for him to renew such Claim, except in re-

spect to his own unwilling Mistakes as Speaker, which he hoped might be excused by the Governor, and not imputed to the House.

His Honour, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds,*" with a Paper of Amendments, which were read, and being agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Germantown*, and others, respecting the Improvement of the Road from *Philadelphia* to that Village, (in Preference to the *Wissahiccon* Road) as a Part of the gread (sic) *Reading* Road, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the laying out and putting in Repair certain Roads therein mentioned,*" and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 16, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and proceeding in the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the laying out and putting in Repair certain Roads therein mentioned,*" after a Debate of some Length, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the laying out and putting in Repair certain Roads therein mentioned,*" which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 17, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and taking into Consideration the Petitions from *Daniel Reece* and *Alexander Hunter*, of the County of *Northumberland*, for the Office of Collector of Excise in the said County,

Resolved, On the Question,

That *Alexander Hunter* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the said County of *Northumberland*, till the Meeting of the next Assembly.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for laying out and putting in Repair certain Roads therein mentioned,*" which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor, and request to know at what Hour To-morrow he will

be pleased to meet the House, to enact into Laws he (sic) several Bills returned with his Assent, and that his Honour would appoint some Members of Council to compare the engrossed Copies of the said Bills with their Originals.

The Members return, and report, they had delivered their Message, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would appoint some Members of Council for the Purpose requested, and meet the House in the Council-Chamber at Half after Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Forenoon, to enact into Laws the several Bills that have been agreed on.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Hillegas* join with the Gentlemen of the Council in collating the said engrossed Bills.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the laying out and putting in Repair certain Roads therein mentioned*," and after some Time spent therein, a Motion being made to recommit the said Bill for Alteration, the Question was called for, and passing in the Affirmative, the Bill was recommitted accordingly.

Upon Motion,

That some Compensation be made to Captain *William Thompson* for his Trouble, Expence and Risk in going to the Frontiers, to pay off and discharge the Ranging Companies lately employed by this Government,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* be allowed to the said *William Thompson* for that Service. And a Certificate being drawn for the same, was signed by the Speaker.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 18, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the same, and found them to agree.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Wayne* do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills, after they shall be passed into Laws, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

A Message *by* Mr. *Secretary*.

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the Speaker, and the House, to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on his Honour, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the

Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor, and presented Six Bills, respectively entituled as follow, *viz.* "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia;"——"*An Act to enable the Trustees therein mentioned, to sell and dispose of a certain Tract of Land, and to apply the Monies arising therefrom to the Use of the* Low Dutch Reformed *Congregation, or a Religious Society of* Christians, *called* Dutch Presbyterians;"——"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds*;"—and "*An Act for the Relief of* William Goddard *and* Septimus Levering, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*;"—to which several Bills the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.

The House then taking into Consideration the Time of Adjournment,

Ordered, That Mr. *Roads* and Mr. *Charles Thompson* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House incline to adjourn this Afternoon to *Monday*, the First of *May* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto.

An Address from *Christopher Tully*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he is informed a certain *Joseph Hague* has petitioned the Honourable House for a Premium upon a Machine lately constructed by him in this City for Spinning of Woollen and Cotton Yarn; and that, in Case the House should be pleased to grant any Premium thereon, he (the said *Tully*) conceives himself to have the best Claim to it, being the Person who first made such a Machine in this Province, or perhaps in *America*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

With the foregoing, the House took into Consideration the Petition of the said *Joseph Hague*, and after some Debate,

Ordered That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *Charles Thompson* be a Committee to view the said Machine, and report their Opinion thereof at the next Sitting of the House.

Mr. *Rhoads* produced at the Table a Letter from Mr. *Robert Smith*, of this City, Carpenter, containing a Proposal to take down the Wooden and Brick Part of the State-house Steeple, as low as the Eves of the House, and to erect a Cupola on

the Roof of the Front Building, with an Estimate of the Expence; which was read by Order, and after some Debate, referred to further Consideration of the next Sitting of the House.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him with the Adjournment proposed by the House, reported, they had delivered their Message, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would not object to the said Adjournment.

A Member presented to the Chair an Account from *William Dewees*, Esq; Sheriff, amounting to £ 16 9 0, expended in pursuing and apprehending *Andrew Stuart*, charged with counterfeiting the Paper Bills of Credit of this Province, dated the First of *October*, 1773, which being allowed by the House, a Certificate for the said Sum was drawn at the Table, and signed by the Speaker.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the First of *May* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

May 1, 1775.

THE House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Hillegas* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Representatives being met, they are ready to receive any Business his Honour may be pleased to lay before them.

Mr. *Charles Thompson* laid before the House a Letter from *William Bollan*, *Benjamin Franklin*, and *Arthur Lee*, Esquires, dated *London*, *February* 5, 1775, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

"SIR,

OUR last Letter informed you, that the King had declared his Intention of laying the Petition before his two Houses of Parliament. It has accordingly been laid before each House, but undistinguished among a Variety of Letters and other Papers from *America*.

A Motion, made by Lord *Chatham*, to withdraw the Troops from *Boston*, as the first Step towards a conciliating Plan, was rejected; and the Ministry have declared in both Houses the Determination to inforce Obedience to all the late Laws. For this Purpose, we understand that three Regiments of Foot, one of Dragoons, Seven Hundred Marines, Six Sloops of War and Two Frigates are now under Orders for *America*.

We think it proper to inform you, that your Cause was well defended by a considerable Number of good and wise Men in both Houses of Parliament, though far from being a

Majority, and that many of the commercial and manufacturing Parts of the Nation, concerned in the *American* Trade, have presented, or, as we understand, are preparing to present Petitions to Parliament, declaring their great Concern for the present unhappy Controversies with *America*, and praying expressly, or in Effect, for healing Measures, as the proper Means of preserving their Commerce, now greatly suffering or endangered: But the Treatment the Petitions already presented have hitherto received, is such as, in our Opinion, can afford you no Reliance on any present Relief through their Means.

As soon as we learned that the Petition of the Congress was before the House of Commons, we thought it our Duty to support it, if we might be permitted so to do, as there was no other Opportunity for the numerous Inhabitants of the Colonies to be heard in Defence of their Rights. Accordingly we joined in a Petition for that Purpose. Sir *George Saville* kindly undertook to present it, but on previously opening the Purport of it, as the Order is, as Debate arose on the Propriety of receiving it, and, on a Division, it was rejected by a great Majority.

The following Extract of a Letter from General *Gage* to Lord *Dartmouth*, as laid before Parliament, we think it our Duty to transmit, *viz.* "*December* 15, 1774. Your Lordship's Idea of disarming certain Provinces would doubtless be consistent with Prudence and Safety, but it neither is, nor has been practicable, without having Recourse to Force, and being Masters of the Country."

It was thrown out in Debate by a principal Member of Administration, that it would be proper to alter the Charters of *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island*.

Inclosed we send you a Copy of the Resolutions passed in a Committee of the whole House on *Thursday* last, which are to be reported on *Monday**. It is said that these Resolu-

* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, to return his Majesty our most humble Thanks for having been most graciously pleased to communicate to this House the several Papers relating to the present State of the *British* Colonies in *America*, which by his Majesty's Commands have been laid before this House, (and from which, after taking them into our most serious Consideration, we find, that a Part of his Majesty's Subjects in the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* have proceeded so far to resist the Authority of the supreme Legislature, that a Rebellion at this Time actually exists within the said Province; and we see, with utmost Concern, that they have been countenanced and encouraged, by unlawful Combinations and Engagements, entered into by his Majesty's Subjects in several of the other Colonies, to the Injury and Oppression of many of their innocent fellow-Subjects, resident within the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, and the rest of his Majesty's Dominions. This Conduct on their Part appears to us the more inexcusable, when we consider with how much Temper his Majesty and the two Houses of Parliament have acted in Support of the Laws and

tion are to be the Foundation of several Bills to be brought in; but the Purport of those Bills we have not yet learned with sufficient Certainty.

We send you likewise a Copy of Lord *Chatham's* first Motion in the House of Lords, and of his Plan of a Bill for settling the Troubles between *Britain* and her Colonies, both which were rejected on the first Reading.

With great Respect we are,

SIR, *Your most obedient humble Servants,*

WM. BOLLAN,
B. FRANKLIN,
ARTHUR LEE."

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he should lay some Business before the House shortly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 2, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, together with a Copy of a Resolution of

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Constitution of *Great-Britain*. To declare, that we can never so far desert the Trust reposed in us, as to relinquish any Part of the sovereign Authority over all his Majesty's Dominions, which by Law is vested in his Majesty, and the two Houses of Parliament, and that the Conduct of many Persons in several of the Colonies during the late Disturbances, is alone sufficient to convince us how necessary this Power is for the Protection of the Lives and Fortunes of all his Majesty's Subjects: that we ever have been, and always shall be, ready to pay Attention and Regard to any real Grievances of any of his Majesty's Subjects, which shall in a dutiful and constitutional Manner be laid before us, and whenever any of the Colonies shall make a proper Application to us, we shall be ready to afford them every just and reasonable Indulgence, but that at the same Time we consider it as our indispensable Duty, humbly to beseech his Majesty, that his Majesty will take the most effectual Measures to enforce due Obedience to the Laws and Authority of the supreme Legislature, and that we beg Leave in the most solemn Manner to assure his Majesty, that it is our fixed Resolution, at the Hazard of our Lives and Properties, to stand by his Majesty against all Rebellious Attempts in the Maintenance of the just Rights of his Majesty and the two Houses of Parliament.

AYS 296.
NOES 106.

Amendment proposed to leave out from the first [and] to the End of the Question, and insert [to assure his Majesty, that in order to fix the true Dignity of his Crown, and the Authority of Parliament, on a sure Foundation, we shall endeavor to recover the Hearts of his Subjects in *America*, too many of whom are unhappily alienated from their usual Affection to their Mother Country, by endeavouring to remove all those Causes of Jealousy and Apprehension which have arison from an unfortunate Management of his Majesty's Affairs, and from Acts of the last Parliament, made without sufficient Information of the true State of *America*.]

Question put, that the Words proposed to be left out stand Part of this Question?

AYS 304.
NOES 105.

the House of Commons, passed the Twentieth of *February* last, which were read by Order, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

A MESSAGE *from the* GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY.

GENTLEMEN,

'I Have ordered the Secretary to lay before you a Resolution † entered into by the *British* House of Commons the Twentieth of *February* last, relative to the unhappy Differences subsisting between our Mother Country and her *American* Colonies. You will perceive by this Resolve, not only a strong Disposition manifested by that august Body to remove the Causes which have given Rise to the Discontents and Complaints of his Majesty's Subjects in the Colonies, and the dreadful impending Evils likely to ensue from them, but that they have pointed out the Terms, on which they think it just and reasonable a final Accommodation should be grounded.

'Let me earnestly entreat you, Gentlemen, to weigh and consider this Plan of Reconciliation held forth and offered by the Parent to her Children, with that Temper, Calmness and Deliberation, that the Importance of the Subject, and the present critical Situation of Affairs demand. Give me Leave to observe, that the Colonies, amidst all those Complaints which a Jealousy of their Liberties has occasioned, have never denied the Justice or Equity of their contributing towards the Burthens of the Mother Country, to whose Protection and Care they owe not only their present Opulence, but even their very Existence. On the contrary, every State and Representation of their supposed Grievances, that I have seen, avows the Propriety of such a Measure, and their Willingness to comply with it.

'The Dispute then appears to me to be brought to this Point:—Whether the Redress of any Grievances the Colonists have Reason to complain of, shall precede, or be postponed to, the Settlement of that just Proportion, which *America* should bear towards the common Support and Defence of the whole *British* Empire?

'You have, in the Resolution of the House of Commons, which I have Authority to tell you, is entirely approved by his Majesty, a solemn Declaration that an Exemption from any Duty, Tax, or Assessment, present or future, except such Duties as may be expedient for the Regulation of Commerce, shall be the immediate Consequence of Proposals on the Part of any of the Colony Legislatures, accepted by his

Majesty and the two Houses of Parliament, to make Provision, according to their respective Circumstances, for contributing their Proportion to the common Defence, and the Support of the civil Government of each Colony.

'I will not do you so much Injustice, Gentlemen, as to suppose you can desire a better Security for the inviolable Performance of this Engagement, than the Resolve itself, and his Majesty's Approbation of it, gives you.

'As you are the first Assembly on the Continent to whom this Resolution has been communicated, much depends on the Moderation and Wisdom of your Councils, and you will be deservedly revered to the latest Posterity, if, by any possible Means, you can be instrumental in restoring the public Tranquility, and rescuing both Countries from the dreadful Calamities of a Civil War.

May the 2d, 1775. *JOHN PENN.*"

†*The RESOLUTION of the* HOUSE *of* COMMONS.

Luna, 20° *Die Februarii*, 1775.

The House in a Committee on the *American* Papers. Motion made, and Question proposed,

THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee, that when the Governor, Council and Assembly, or General Court, of any of his Majesty's Provinces or Colonies in *America* shall propose to make Provision, according to the Condition, Circumstances and Situation of such Province or Colony, for contributing their Proportion to the common Defence, (such Proportion to be raised under the Authority of the General Court or General Assembly of such Province or Colony, and disposable by Parliament) and shall engage to make Provision also for the Support of the civil Government, and the Administration of Justice, in such Province or Colony, it will be proper, if such Proposal shall be approved by his Majesty and the two Houses of Parliament, and for so long as such Provision shall be made accordingly, to forbear, in Respect of such Province or Colony, to levy any Duty, Tax, or Assessment, or to impose any further Duty, Tax, or Assessment, except only such Duties as it may be expedient to continue to levy or impose for the Regulation of Commerce, the nett Produce of the Duties last-mentioned to be carried to the Account of such Province or Colony respectively."

A Remonstrance from a Number of Farmers and Millers in the County of *Bucks*, respecting an Alteration of the Sizes of Flour Barrels, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter received in their Recess from the Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Colony of *New-York*, with sundry Papers therein referred to, which were read by Order, and the said Letter is as follows, *viz.*

"*SIR*, *New-York*, *April* 10, 1775.

BY an Order of the General Assembly of this Colony, I am directed to transmit you the inclosed Papers upon the Subject of the unhappy Situation of *American* Affairs—they contain a List of Grievances, with the Resolutions of the House in Consequence thereof, and also a Petition to the King, a Memorial to the House of Lords, and a Representation and Remonstrance to the Commons of *Great-Britain*. I am also directed to request of you to lay the same before the House of Assembly of your Colony at their first Meeting after the Receipt hereof. I shall only add that our Assembly stand adjourned until the Third Day of *May* next, and that I am respectfully, SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

To the Speaker of the General Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania. JOHN GRUGER, *Speaker*."

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, given at the last Sitting, a Member presented at the Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Scott *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Strasburg, *and County of* Lancaster," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 3, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Governor's Message of Yesterday, with the Resolution to the House of Commons attending it, after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Charles Thompson*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Dougherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompson* be a Committee to essay and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

A Petition from a Number of Bakers of Loaf Bread in the City of *Philadelphia*, praying an Amendment of the late Act of Assembly for regulating the Assize of Bread, was presented to the House and read.—

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 4, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read by Paragraphs, and after some Alteration, agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

A Petition from the Heirs and Representatives of *John Taylor*, late of *Thornbury* Township, in the County of *Chester*. Practitioner in Physic, deceased, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that on the 9th Day of *January* 1738, a Proprietary Patent was granted for One Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in *West Bradford* Township, in the said County, unto *Clement Plumsted*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Merchant, which said Patent was indented in Trust for the Use and Benefit of the said *John Taylor*; that the Petitioners are well convinced from the Knowledge and Experience, which the said *John Taylor* had in the Legality of Titles that he must have had in his Life Time some Conveyance executed to him by the said *Clement Plumsted* for the said Land, but which is now lost and cannot be found;—that as an Evidence of the said intended Trust the Petitioners beg Leave to observe, that the said Proprietary Patent ever since it was made has been in the Custody of the said *John Taylor* and his Representatives, and he and they have been in the actual Possession and received the Rents of the said Land, and since his Death the same Land has been divided among his Representatives according to Law, without any Claim being made by the Heirs of the said *Clement Plumsted*;—that in the Year 1763, Application was made by the Administrators of the said *John Taylor* to *William Plumsted*, only Son and Heir at Law of the said *Clement Plumsted* (then deceased) for a Release of the said Land, who being fully convinced of the said intended Trust, did disclaim any Right thereto, and promise to execute a Release of Right to the said Land as soon as certain Accounts between him and the said *John Taylor's* Estate were settled and adjusted;—that the said Accounts were soon after settled, and the Balance due to the said *William Plumsted* paid; but before any Release or Conveyance was executed he the said *William Plumsted* died, without taking any Notice thereof in his Will;—the Petitioners therefore pray that the House will be pleased to give them Leave to bring in a Bill for supplying the aforesaid Defect in their Title to the said Land.—

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Charles M'Clure*, of the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is erecting a Grist-Mill upon the *Letort* Spring, about half a Mile above the Town of *Carlisle*, to accomodate the Inhabitants thereof, and that he purposes building Boats to transport their Grain to the said Mill, and return the Flour when manufactured;—that he therefore prays a Law may be passed to constitute the aforesaid Spring a public Highway, to begin at the East End of the North Street of the Town aforesaid, and to continue up to the said Mill. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

WE have taken into our serious Consideration your Message of the second Instant, and the Resolution of the *British* House of Commons therein referred to. Having "weighed and considered this Plan with the Temper, Calmness and Deliberation that the Importance of the Subject, and the present critical Situation of Affairs demand;" we are sincerely sorry that we cannot "think the Terms pointed out," afford "a just and reasonable Ground for a final Accommodation" between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies.

Your Honour observes, "that the Colonies amidst all those Complaints which a Jealousy of their Liberties has occasioned, have never denied the Justice or Equity of contributing towards the Burthens of the Mother Country;" but your Honour must know, that they have ever unanimously asserted it as their indisputable Right, that all Aids from them should be their own free and voluntary Gifts, not taken by Force, nor extorted by Fear.

Under which of these Descriptions the "Plan held forth, and offered by the Parent to her Children" at this Time, with its attendants Circumstances, deserves to be classed, we chuse rather to submit to the Determination of your Honour's good Sense, than to attempt proving by the Enumeration of notorious Facts, or the Repetition of obvious Reasons.

If no other Objection to "the Plan" proposed, occurred to us, we should esteem it a dishonourable Desertion of Sister Colonies, connected by an Union, founded on just Motives and mutual Faith, and conducted by General Councils, for

a single Colony to adopt a Measure, so extensive in Consequence, without the Advice and Consent of those Colonies engaged with us by solemn Ties in the same common Cause.

For we wish your Honour to be assured, that we can form no Prospect appearing reasonable to us, of any lasting Advantages for *Pennsylvania*, however agreeable they may be at the Beginning, but what must arise from a Communication of Rights and Prosperity with the other Colonies; and that if such a Prospect should be opened to us, we have too sincere an Affection for our Brethren, and too strict a Regard "for the inviolable Performance of" our "Engagements," to receive any Pleasure from Benefits equally due to them, yet confined to Ourselves, and which, by generously rejecting them at present, may at length be secured to all.

Your Honour is pleased to observe, that as we are "the first Assembly on the Continent to whom this Resolution has been communicated, much depends on the Moderation and Wisdom of our Councils, and we shall be deservedly revered to the latest Posterity, if by any possible Means" we "can be instrumental in restoring the public Tranquility, and rescuing both Countries from the dreadful Calamities of a civil War."

Your Honour, from your long Residence and Conversation among us, must be persuaded that the People we represent are as peaceable and obedient to Government, as true and faithful to their Sovereign, and as affectionate and dutiful to their superior State, as any in the World; and though we are not inattentive to the Approbation of "Posterity," as it might reflect Honour upon our Country, yet higher Motives have taught us upon all Occasions to demonstrate by every Testimony our Devotion to our King and Parent State.

Still animated by the same Principles, and most earnestly desirous of enjoying our former undisturbed Condition of Dependance and Subordination productive of so many Blessings to "both Countries," we cannot express the Satisfaction we should receive, "if by any possible Means" we could "be instrumental in restoring the public Tranquility;"—Should such an Opportunity offer, we shall endeavor with the utmost Diligence and Zeal to improve it, and to convince his Majesty and our Mother Country, that we shall ever be ready and willing with our Lives and Fortunes to support the Interests of his Majesty and that Country, but by every Effort that can be reasonably expected from the most loyal Subjects, and the most dutiful Colonists.

Until divine Providence shall cause in the Course of his

Dispensations such a happy Period to arrive, we can only deprecate, and if it be possible, strive, by Prudence to avoid "the Calamities of a civil War," a "dreadful Misfortune" indeed! and not to be exceeded but by an utter Subversion of the Liberties of *America*.

Signed by Order of the House,

May 4, 1775. JOHN MORTON, *Speaker.*"

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *John Jacobs* wait on the Governor and deliver the foregoing Answer to his Message.

A Petition from a considerable Number of the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, deeply affected with a Sense of the imminent Dangers to which this Province particularly, and the Colonies in general, are exposed at this Instant, are compelled by the first Law dictated by Nature to endeavor to preserve themselves from utter Destruction, and therefore loop up to the Honourable House the Guardians of public Liberty, in whom the People of this Province have reposed the highest Trust, for that Protection which, under the Favour of the Almighty God, it is in their Power to afford;—that the Petitioners in this Contest for Freedom and all the Blessings attending it, have been greatly encouraged by the Firmness, Wisdom and public Spirit of the late and present House of Assembly, and Affairs being now reduced to Extremity by the Commencement of a Civil War on this Continent, which, in all Probability, must in its Course soon reach *Pennsylvania*, the Petitioners most humbly and fervently beseech and supplicate the Honourable House to grant, raise and apply with all possible Dispatch, a Sum of Money, at least amounting to *Fifty Thousand Pounds*, towards putting this Province into a State of Defence, in such Manner as to the House shall appear most proper and effectual.—— *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Heirs and Representatives of *John Taylor*, late of *Chester* County, deceased, was again read, and Leave given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 5, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message of the Second Instant, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition presented Yesterday from the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, for Aid from Government towards putting the Province into a State of Defence, and after a Debate of some Length, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and after further Time spent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 6, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, being acquainted that with Captain *Osborne*, who arrived Yesterday, came Passenger *Benjamin Franklin* Esq; late Agent for this Province in *London*.

Resolved, N. C. D. That the said *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; be, and he is hereby added to the Deputies appointed by this House on the Part of *Pennsylvania*, to attend the Continental Congress expected to meet on the 10th Instant, in this City.

Resolved, N. C. D. That the Honourable *Thomas Willing*, Esq; of *Philadelphia*, and *James Wilson*, Esq; of *Carlisle*, be also added to the said Deputies for this Province.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill left under his Consideration at the last Sitting, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate* of Daniel Andrews, *in and to certain Lands in* Amity *Township, in the County of* Berks," and acquainted the House, that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

Mr. Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to suppress the holding of Fairs within the City of* Philadelphia," with a Paper of Amendments thereto, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

May 8, 1775.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to their Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 9, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and taking into Consideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to suppress the holding of Fairs within the* (sic) *Chity* of Philadelphia," the same were again read, and being severally considered, the Question was put by the Speaker, Whether the House will adhere to the Bill?

Carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and acquaint his Honour that the House adhere to the same.

The Petition from *Charles M'Clure*, of the Town of *Carlisle*, being, on Motion, again read,

Ordered, That the Petitioner give Notice in the public News-Papers of his Application to the House, for Leave to bring in a Bill at their next Sitting for the Purpose mentioned in his Petition.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Draught of Instructions to the Deputies for this Province, brought in at the last Sitting, which being considered, and, after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

Upon Information by a Member, that *Thomas Beard*, late Collector of Excise for the County of *Cumberland*, is deceased, and that his Son, *Thomas*, is willing and desirous to take upon him the said Office till the End of Year,

Resolved, That *Thomas Beard*, the Younger, be, and is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the said County, till the Fourteenth of *October* next.

A Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, respecting Engagements they have entered into for the public Security, whereby a considerable Debt hath accrued, which cannot be discharged without the Aid of the Legislature, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Instructions to the Deputies appointed by this Province to attend the Continental Congress, being transcribed according to Order, were signed by the Speaker, and follow in these Words, *viz.*

"GENTLEMEN,

THE Trust reposed in you, is of such a Nature, and the Modes of executing it, may be so diversified in the Course of your Deliberations, that it is scarcely possible to give you particular Instructions respecting it.

We shall therefore, in general, direct that you meet in Congress the Delegates of the several *British* Colonies, to be held on the Tenth Instant, to consult together on the present

critical and alarming Situation and State of the Colonies, and that you exert your utmost Endeavors to agree upon, and recommend, such further Measures, as shall afford the best Prospect of obtaining Redress of *American* Grievances, and restoring that Union and Harmony between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies so essential to the Welfare and Happiness of both Countries.

You are directed to make Report of your Proceedings to this House at their next Sessions after the Meeting of the Congress.

Signed by Order of the House,

May 9, 1775. JOHN MORTON, Speaker."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 10, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition from *Lancaster* County, against the Commissioners of the said County, was referred for Enquiry, reported, "That haveing heard the Complaint of the Inhabitants, with the Commissioners Answers, and the Vouchers produced from the Grand Jury and Magistrates of the said County, to justify their Conduct, it appears to the Committee that the said Commissioners have acted with Propriety, and given no just Cause of Complaint against them."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 11, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and taking again into Consideration the Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, after some Debate,

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts do examine the Funds of the Province, and report to the House what Sum they may immediately draw from thence.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee of Accounts reported, that upon examining the Provincial Funds, they find the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds* at the Disposal of the House.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That *George Gray*, *Michael Hillegas* and *Charles Humphreys*, Esquires, or any two of them, are hereby authorised and impowered to draw Orders on *Samuel Preston Moore*, Esq; to the Amount of *Eighteen Hundred Pounds*, out of the Interest-Money in his Hands, and on the Provincial Treasurer for the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, out of the

Rents of the *Province Island*, to be disposed of and applied towards discharging certain Engagements lately entered into for the public Security.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 12, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Charles Thomson*, Mr. *Wynkoop*, Mr. *Wayne*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Dougherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompson*, or a Majority of them, do immediately use such Measures to provide Stores that may be necessary for the Service of the Province at this Time, not exceeding in Value the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*, as to them shall appear most expedient and effectual.

Joseph Galloway, Esquire, having repeatedly moved in Assembly to be excused from serving as a Deputy for this Province in the Continental Congress, the House this Day took his Motion into Consideration, and do hereby agree to excuse him from that Service.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Ordered, (sic) The Mr. *Wynkoop* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House incline to adjourn to *Monday* the 19th of *June* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

May 13, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Objection to the Adjournment proposed by the House.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the 19th of *June* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

June 19, 1775.

MR. Speaker, with Twenty-three Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

June 20, 1775.

A Quorum met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House are met, pur-

suant to their Adjournment, and ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

Upon Representation by a Member, that an Error has been discovered in the Form of the Bills of Credit directed to be struck and emitted by Virtue of the late Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" the Form of the said Bills of Credit in the manuscript Copy of the Act bearing Date the Thirteenth instead of the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to correct the said Error.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 21, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order; and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Business at present to lay before the House.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants near *Heads* Creek, in the Townships of *Chestnut-Hill* and *Domencing*, in *Northampton* County, was presented to the House and read, complaining of great Inconveniences suffered by the Petitioners from a Saw-Mill Dam erected on the said Creek, obstructing the Navigation thereof, and praying Relief.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent for this Province in *London*, dated the Fifteenth of *February* last, inclosing a List of Six Acts of the General Assembly of this Province presented to his Majesty in Council the Fourteenth of the same Month, respectively entituled and passed as follows, *viz.*

No. 1. "*An Act for the Relief of* Samuel Sweet, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* Thomas Bamford, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Lancaster *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*" *Passed* 28*th of September*, 1773.

No. 2. "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of the Public Debts.*"

Passed the same Day.

No. 3. "*An Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper-Monies of other Colonies.*" *Passed the same Day.*

No. 4. "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable.*"

Passed the 23d July, 1774.

No. 5. "*An Act for lending the Sum of* Eight Hundred Pounds *to the several and respective Counties of* Bedford, Northumberland *and* Westmoreland *for building a Court-House and Prison in each of the said Counties.*"

Passed the same Day.

No. 6. "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.*"

Passed 29th September, 1774.

All which Acts are herewith most humbly presented this 14th Day of *February,* 1775, by me

HENRY WILMOT,
Agent for the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania."

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray,* Mr. *Hillegas,* Mr. *Rodman,* Mr. *Pearson,* Mr. *Wayne,* Mr. *Ross,* Mr. *Swoope,* Mr. *Montgomery,* Mr. *Edmonds,* Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of *Twenty-two Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit to be sunk by the Excise on spirituous Liquors.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 22, 1775.

The House met, and adjourned to Five o'clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of *Twenty-two Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit to be sunk by the Excise on spirituous Liquors, reported an Essay for that Purpose, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts,*" which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of the Heirs and Representatives of* John Taylor, *late of the County of* Chester, *Practitioner in Physic, deceased,*

in a certain Tract of Land in the Township of Bradford, *in the said County,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Bill brought in at the last Sitting, and once read, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Scott *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Strasburg, *and County of* Lancaster," was read the second time, and ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 23, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of the Heirs and Representatives of* John Taylor, *late of the County of* Chester, *Practitioner in Physic, deceased, in a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Bradford, *in the said County,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" being also read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition and Memorial from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners reflecting upon the great and imminent Danger to which the Liberties of *America* are exposed by the open and declared Determination of the *British* Ministry, to enforce certain cruel and oppressive Acts of Parliament, and contemplating those mournful Events which have already happened, as well as those which may happen during this important Struggle, have been induced to form and recommend a Military Association within this City and Liberties;—that in forming such Association they have extended their Views beyond a mere Parade and useless Shew; and animated with a lively Sense of the inestimable Value of the Blessings of Civil Liberty themselves, they have endeavoured to inculcate upon others the Necessity

of defending and supporting them by actual Service, if the Exigency of public Affairs should require it.—That under these Circumstances they find various Difficulties, which require the Aid and Assistance of the Honourable House: Reposing therefore the fullest Confidence in the Virtue and Spirit of their Representatives, they beg Leave to lay before them several Particulars which seem in a peculiar Manner to claim their Attention and Regard, *viz.*

That, in the first Place, there are great Numbers of able-bodied Men who have acquired some Skill in the Use of Arms, and in Case of Necessity would proceed to actual Service, but their Situation and Circumstances in Life (many having Families and others not sufficient Ability to support themselves) forbid their entering into any Engagements of this Nature, and in Case of an actual Call, their Ardor and Readiness to devote themselves to their Country's Service would be damped, if not extinguished by the alarming Consideration of leaving their Families subject to Want at Home, and experiencing all the Difficulties of unpaid Troops while in the Field—the Petitioners therefore humbly submit to the Honourable House, that as there is the highest Reason and Justice that all the Members of the Community, who are equally interested in the Preservation and Security of our common Liberties, should contribute to the Assistance and Support of those who take a more active, laborious and dangerous Part, it would be highly proper that a Vote of Credit should be passed ascertaining and promising suitable Pay and Subsistence to such Officers and Soldiers as shall solemnly engage to go into actual Service if required, and who shall, in Case of Necessity and public Danger, comply with such Engagements by meeting at any Rendezvous appointed, and performing such military Duty as shall be deemed necessary and may be demanded of them. And that such Provision may be extended to Camp, Equipage, Waggons for transporting Baggage, and such other Necessaries as actual Field Duty shall require;—that the Petitioners on this Subject would only add that the Provision here requested is no more than that made by the Militia Laws in *England*, and the neighbouring Provinces in Case of Invasion or Insurrection, and by all judicious and sensible Men deemed absolutely necessary to give Efficacy, Spirit, Vigor and Success to any military Association whatever.

That, in the second Place, the Petitioners beg Leave to lay before the Honourable House the very naked and defenceless State of this City and Harbour, now in its Turn

become the Frontier, and exposed to equal Dangers and Difficulties, from which it has at different times chearfully contributed to rescue the more distant Parts of the Province. Vain are all our military Operations, useless and lost the Sums of Money generously given by this Honourable House for our Defence, if a single Ship of War may proceed, without any Interruption, to the very Front of the City, and impose such Terms of surrendering our Arms, or Contributions of Money and Provisions, as will reduce us to the melancholy Alternative of a disgraceful Compliance, or exposing the City to certain Destruction;—that great Quantities of large Cannon and some Stores lay in useless Heaps in various Parts of this City, which skilful Persons have judged might, at no great Expence, be so employed as to make our Situation much more secure than it is at present; besides which there are many other Devices calculated for obstructing the Passage of Rivers and Harbours well worthy of immediate Attention, if some suitable Provision could be made for defraying the Expence which would be incurred by so essential a Service.

That, in the third Place, the Petitioners earnestly recommend to the Patronage and Assistance of the Honourable House a Manufacture of that valuable and necessary Article Saltpetre, while dependant on a precarious Supply from beyond Sea, and that under the Restraints which our cruel Oppressors have laid or procured, our Situation is truly alarming; but should Success happily attend the infant Manufactory, promoted and formed by the Petitioners, it may be extended so as to bid Defiance to all the Schemes of our Enemies to deprive us of the necessary Means of Defence, and afford the fairest Prospect of Relief from our present Difficulties and Distress.

Besides these particular Objects, which, with all due Respect, the Petitioners submit to the Consideration of the Honourable House, they beg Leave to add, that in Times so critical and important, when the Fate of our Country, the Safety and Security of all which can make Life valuable or desirable to a free Citizen, is suspended, when every Day brings with it some Event of a most interesting Nature, particular and unforeseen Exigences and Dangers arise, which require immediate Attention, and incur an immediate Expence:—That the Petitioners therefore submit to the Consideration of the House the Necessity and Propriety of appointing Persons out of their own Body, or in Conjunction with others, as a Committee of Safety and Defence, with

discretionary Powers, upon the Credit, and under the Countroul of the House, to act on such Emergencies, to appropriate such public Monies as may be already raised, or to raise such further Sums upon Credit, or otherwise, as the alarming Situation of the Province may require.

Signed by Order and in Behalf of the Committee of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia,

JOSEPH REED, *Chairman.*"

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Five o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition and Memorial from the Committee for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 24, 1774.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned;*"—"*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts;*"—"*An Act for confirming the Estate of the Heirs and Representatives of* John Taylor, *late of the County of* Chester. *Practitioner in Physic, deceased, in a certain Tract of Land, in the Township of* Bradford, *in the said County;*"—and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Scott *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Strasburg, *and County of* Lancaster," being transcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Slough* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

A Memorial from *Samuel Preston Moore*, Esquire, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that a late House of Assembly, by their Resolve of the 25th of *September*, 1771, was pleased to direct the then Committee of Accounts, to allow to the Memorialist, in their Settlement with him, the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*, as a Compensation for Four Years Services in transacting the whole Business of the late General Loan-Office, and for his Care of the Interest-Money arising therefrom;—that as the several Committees of Accounts, since appointed, have been of Opinion the said Resolve did not authorise or impower them to make any Allowance to the Memorialist for his Trouble in the said Trust since the Year above-men-

tioned, he prays the Honourable House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and direct the present Committee, to allow, in the next Settlement with him, such further Sum as the House may think reasonable for his Execution of the said Office, now almost Four Years longer.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

An Account from *John Palmer*, Innkeeper at the Falls of *Schuylkill*, amounting to *Eight Pounds Seven Shillings* and *Seven-pence*, for Expences of the Committee of Assembly appointed to view the River *Schuylkill* last Spring, was presented to the House, and a Certificate for Payment thereof being drawn by Order, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Hillegas*.

A Member of this House, and one of the Deputies to the Continental Congress, read in his Place, and then presented at the Table, a Resolve of the said Congress, in the Words following, *viz.*

"*In Congress, June* 22, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That the Colony of *Pennsylvania* raise two more Companies of Rifle-Men, and that these, with the six Companies before ordered to be raised by them, making eight Companies, be formed into a Battalion, under such Field- and Under-Officers as shall be recommended by the Assembly or Convention of the above Colony."

The House taking into Consideration the foregoing Resolve, relative to the Manner of recommending Field and other Officers for the Battalion of Rifle-Men to be raised in this Province by Order of Congress, and to be in Continental Pay,

Resolved, That the Members of the Congress deputed by this Assembly, be a Committee to consider of, and recommend, proper Persons for Officers of the said Battalion.

A Petition from a Number of the Officers of the Association in the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, concurring with, and recommending to immediate Consideration, the Petition and Memorial from the Committee of the said City and Liberties, presented Yesterday, was delivered at the Chair, and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Ten o'Clock, *A. M.*

June 26, 1775.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a sufficient Number to proceed on Business

being yet wanting, they adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 27, 1775.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a verbal Message, requiring a List of the Draughts and Certificates of Assembly, made payable out of the Supply Bill before him, and a List thereof being drawn at the Table accordingly,

Ordered, That Mr. *Bartholomew* and Mr. *Wayne* wait on his Honour, and deliver the same.

The Members return, and report they had waited on the Governor, and delivered the said List according to Order.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Charles Thomson*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Wayne*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to consider of, and report to the House, such Measures as may be expedient for putting this City and Province into a State of Defence.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," and acquainted the House he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

The Secretary also returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Scott, *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Strasburg, *in the County of* Lancaster," and informed the House his Honour could not give his Assent to the same.

With the above, the Secretary likewise delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of the Heirs and Representatives of* John Taylor, *late of the County of* Chester, *Practitioner in Physic, deceased, in a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Bradford, *in the said County*," with an Amendment to the same; which being read, and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 28, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" with a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'IT being unusual to make Provision for the Discharge of the Orders, drawn for the Payment of the public Debts, before the End of the Year, at which Time there may probably be a Sum sufficient for the Purpose in the Treasury arising from the Funds heretofore provided, I cannot think it proper to give my Consent to the Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.*

June 28, 1775. *JOHN PENN.*"

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Message,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Answer to the said Message.

The House adjourned to Five o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration, and report to the House, such Measures as may be expedient for putting this City and Province into a State of Defence, reported they had essayed a Draught of some Resolves for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read by Order, was referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 29, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Ewing* wait on the Governor, and enquire at what Hour To-day the House shall attend him to enact into Laws the Bills that have been returned with his Assent.

The Members return, and report they had waited on his Honour, and delivered their Message, according to Order, and that the Governor was pleased to say he should be immediately ready to meet the House to pass the several Bills which have been agreed on.

The House then taking into Consideration the Time of Adjournment, agreed to meet again on *Monday*, the 18th of *September* next, with which the Speaker is desired to acquaint his Honour when the House shall wait on him to pass the Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* join with the Members of Council appointed by the Governor, to compare the engrossed Bill with its Original.

The Member reported he had assisted in collating the engrossed Bill with its Original, and found them to agree,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, and Mr. *Parker* see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills after they are enacted into Laws, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

A Message by the SECRETARY

"SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House, to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Assent."

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole House waited on the Governor; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the House had waited on his Honour, and presented three Bills, respectively entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned;*"——"*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Daniel Andrews, *in and to certain Lands, in* Amity *Township, in the County of* Berks,"——and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of the Heirs and Representatives of* John Taylor, *late of the County of* Chester, *Practitioner in Physic, deceased, in a certain Tract of Land, in the Township of* Bradford, *in the said County;*"—to which Bills the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that he had acquainted his Honour the House purposed to adjourn to the 18th of *September* next, if the Governor approved thereof; to which he was pleased to say, he had no Objection to the proposed Time of Adjournment.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service according to Order.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to strike the Sum of *Twenty-five Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit directed by the Act, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act entituled, "An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Workhouse and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia," passed the Eighteenth of *March* last, produced to the Chair a Receipt from *Joseph Fox*, Esq; one of the Commissioners of the County of *Philadelphia*, for

the said Sum of *Twenty-five Thousand Pounds* in the said Bills of Credit to him paid agreeable to the Directions of the said Act.

The said Committee also produced two extra Sheets unsigned, which had been printed to supply any Loss or Deficiency happening in the said Bills during the Signing and Numbering the same, which two extra Sheets containing Sixteen Bills of *Five Pounds* each, and Sixteen Bills of *Fifty Shillings* each, were burned, by Order of the House, in the Presence of the Members.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolves of the Committee appointed to consider of such Measures as may be expedient for putting this City and Province into a State of Defence, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 30, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the Consideration of the Resolves of the Committee, which being put to the Question, were agreed to by the House, and fcllow in these Words, *viz.*

Resolved, 1. That this House approve the Association entered into by the good People of this Province for the Defence of their Lives, Liberty and Property.

Resolved, 2. That if any Invasion or Landing of *British* Troops, or others, shall be made in this or the adjacent Colonies during the present Controversy, or any armed Ships or Vessels shall sail up the River *Delaware* in an hostile Manner, and such Circumstances shall render it expedient in the Judgment of the Committee hereafter to be appointed, for any Number of the Officers and private Men of the Association within this Colony to enter into actual Service for repelling such hostile Attempts, this House will provide for the Pay and necessary Expences of such Officers and Soldiers performing such military Duty, while they are in such actual Service.

Resolved, 3. That the Pay of the Officers and Privates while in such actual Service, shall not exceed that of the Army raised by the Congress of the United Colonies, for the Defence of the Liberties of *America.*

Resolved, 4. That this House do earnestly recommend to the Board of Commissioners of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, and of each County in this Province, that have not made the Provision herein after mentioned, and they are hereby enjoined, as they regard the Freedom, Welfare and

Safety of their Country, immediately to provide a proper Number of good new Firelocks, with Bayonets fitted to them, Cartridge Boxes, with Twenty-three Rounds of Cartridge in every Box, and Knapsacks, not less than Fifteen Hundred of each Article for the City and County of *Philadelphia*—Three Hundred for the County of *Bucks*—Five Hundred for the County of *Chester*—Six Hundred for the County of *Lancaster*—Three Hundred for the County of *York*—Three Hundred for the County of *Cumberland*—Four Hundred for the County of *Berks*—Three Hundred for the County of *Northampton*—One Hundred for the County of *Bedford*—One Hundred for the County of *Northumberland*, and One Hundred for the County of *Westmoreland*,——to be under the Care of the Commanding Officers of the Battalions of the said Counties, for the immediate Use of such Officers and Soldiers as shall be draughted from the Battalions from Time to Time for actual Service. And the said Commissioners and Assessors shall produce their Accounts for the Furnishing the Arms and Accoutrements aforesaid to the Committee herein after appointed, which being approved of by the said Committee, they shall draw Orders on the Treasurer for the Payment thereof, and he is hereby enjoined to pay the same out of the Bills to be emitted by the Resolution of this House.

Resolved, 5. That the Firelocks to be provided as aforesaid be of one Size and Bore, with Steel Rammers well fitted to the same; and that Patterns of the said Firelocks, Rammers and Bayonets be immediately made in the City of *Philadelphia*, and sent to the different Counties.

Resolved, 6. That this House do recommend to, and enjoin, the Officers and Committees of each County in this Province, to select a Number of Minute-Men, equal to the Arms, *&c.* provided for the same, to be in Readiness, upon the shortest Notice, to march to any Quarter in Case of Emergency.

Resolved, 7. That Provision be made for defending this Province, and the City in particular, against the Attacks of armed Vessels that may be sent to annoy them.

And whereas the Safety of a Country greatly depends on having within itself the Means of Defence, and it appears that sufficient Quantities of Saltpetre may be collected, not only for Defence, but for other Purposes,

Resolved, 8. That the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* be paid for every Hundred Weight of good merchantable Saltpetre that shall be made and manufactured in this Province, and delivered to the Committee of Safety herein after named, within

the Space of Three Months from this Time; and that the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* be paid for every Hundred Weight of good merchantable Saltpetre that shall be made and manufactured in this Province, and delivered to the said Committee, within the Space of Three Months next following; and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity.

Resolved, 9. That *John Dickinson, George Gray, Henry Wynkoop, Anthony Wayne, Benjamin Bartholomew, George Ross, Michael Swoope, John Montgomery, Edward Biddle, William Edmonds, Bernhard Dougherty, Samuel Hunter, William Thompson, Thomas Willing, Benjamin Franklin, Daniel Roberdeau, John Cadwalader, Andrew Allen, Owen Biddle, Francis Johnston, Richard Reily, Samuel Morris*, jun. *Robert Morris, Thomas Wharton*, jun. and *Robert White*, Gentlemen, be a Committee of Safety for calling forth such and so many of the Associators into actual Service, when Necessity requires, as the said Committee shall judge proper, for Paying and Supplying them with Necessaries, while in actual Service, for providing for the Defence of this Province against Invasion and Insurrection, and for encouraging and promoting the Manufacture of Saltpetre; which said Committee are hereby authorized and impowered to draw Orders on the Treasurer herein after appointed for the several Purposes above-mentioned.

Resolved, 10. That any Seven or more, of the said Committee shall be a Board for transacting the Business aforesaid, or any Part thereof.

And for carrying the foregoing Resolves into Execution, it is

Resolved, 11. That Bills of Credit to the Value of *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds* shall on or before the first Day of *August* next be prepared and printed on good strong Paper, under the Care and Direction of *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, Esqrs; or any three of them, at the Charge of the Public, to be defrayed out of the said Bills; which Bills shall be made and prepared in Manner and Form following, *viz.*

——According to the Resolves of the Assembly of *Pennsylvania*, made on the Thirtieth Day of *June*, in the Fifteenth Year of his Majesty GEORGE the Third——dated at *Philadelphia*, the Twentieth Day of *July*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five.

And the said Bills shall have such Escutcheons and Devices as the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson* shall think proper——each of which Bills

shall be of the several and respective Denominations following, and no other, *viz.*

Seven Thousand of the same Bills, of the Sum of *Forty Shillings.*

Seven Thousand of the same Bills, of the Sum of *Thirty Shillings.*

Seven Thousand of the same Bills, of the Sum of *Twenty Shillings.*

Seven Thousand of the same Bills, of the Sum of *Ten Shillings.*

And the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson* shall use their best Care, Attention and Diligence, during the Printing of the said Bills, that the Number and Amount thereof, according to their respective Denominations aforesaid, be not exceeded, nor any clandestine or fraudulent Practice used by the Printer, his Servants, or other Persons concerned therein.

Resolved, 12. That the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any three of them, after the said Bills are printed, shall deliver them to the Signers, to be signed and numbered by Parcels, for which they shall take the Receipts of the Signers.

Resolved, 13. That *Sharp Delany, Lambert Cadwalader, Isaac Howell, James Meas, Adam Hubley, John Benezet, Samuel Cadwalader Morris, Thomas Prior, Godfrey Twells, John Meas, John Purviance* and *William Allen*, junior, or any three of them, shall be the Signers of each and every of the said Bills.

Resolved, 14. That when the same Bills shall be signed they shall be delivered to *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; hereby appointed Treasurer, who shall give his Receipt for the same and shall therewith pay off and discharge all such Draughts and Certificates as shall be made by Order of Assembly, or the Committee of Safety aforesaid.

Resolved, 15. That the Treasurer aforesaid shall give Bond with two sufficient Sureties to *John Morton* and *Charles Humphreys*, Esqrs; in the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds* for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in him.

And for the more certain Paying, Redeeming, Discharging and Sinking the said Bills of Credit hereby emitted,

Resolved, 16. That a Tax on all Estates, real and personal, within this Province, shall be raised and levied by the respective Commissioners and Assessors of the several Counties within this Province, in the same Manner and Mode as the Provincial Tax by the Laws now in Force is raised,

levied and recovered, and shall be paid to the Provincial Treasurer, which said Tax first mentioned shall commence immediately after the Sinking of the Bills of Credit, now remaining to be sunk of those Sums granted to the King during the Course of the last War; which Tax for the Purposes aforesaid the several Commissioners and Assessors are enjoined and required to raise, levy, recover and pay, as they regard the Freedom, Welfare and Safety of their Country.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Safety draw an Order on their Treasurer for *Fifty Pounds*, payable to *George Ross*, Esq; and another Order for the like Sum, payable to *James Wilson*, Esq; for their Services, as Deputies of this Province, in the Continental Congress.

The House taking into Consideration that many of the good People of this Province are conscientiously scrupulous of bearing Arms, do hereby earnestly recommend to the Associators for the Defence or their Country, and others, that they bear a tender and brotherly Regard towards this Class of their Fellow-Subjects and Country-Men; and to these conscientious People it is also recommended, that they chearfully assist, in Proportion to their Abilities, such Associators as cannot spent (sic) their Time and Substance in the public Service without great Injury to themselves and Families.

Upon Motion,

The Memorial of *Samuel Preston Moore*, Esq; was again read, and after some Debate, referred to the Committee of Accounts to consider the Service of the Memorialist, and report thereon at the next Meeting.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the 18th of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

September 18, 1775.

MR. Speaker, with Seventeen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 19, 1775.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met this Morning; and a Number sufficient to proceed on Business being yet wanting, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 20, 1775.

Mr. Speaker, with the Members present Yesterday, met again this Morning; and several being still absent, adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him a Quorum of the Representatives are met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and ready to receive any Business his Honour may be pleased to lay before them.

A Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Sum of Money granted last Year by the then Assembly for the Relief and Support of such infirm, sick and aged Neutrals as are still Residents among us, is nearly expended for the Purposes for which it it (sic) was granted, as by the Accounts herewith laid before the House will appear;—that the Remonstrants therefore think it their Duty to inform the Honourable House, that there is now a considerable Number of the said Neutrals, who from their Age, Sickness or Infirmities are rendered incapable of supporting themselves, and must suffer in this Time of general Calamity, unless immediate and constant Relief is afforded in such Manner as their particular Circumstances may from Time to Time require;——that the Remonstrants therefore request the Honourable House will take the Premises into Consideration and grant such Relief as they in their Wisdom shall think proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from the Committee and principal Inhabitants of the County of *York*, was presented to the House and read, praying, that in the next Appointment of Deputies for this Province to serve in the Continental Congress, an Inhabitant of the said County may be one of the Number.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, residing near the *Manhatawney* or *Reading* Road, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that some Years ago a Lottery was instituted and drawn for raising a Sum of Money to build a Bridge over *Skippack* Creek, on the said *Manhatawney* Road, but through some Mismanagement or Inattention of the Managers of the said Lottery, or some of them, the Monies arisen therefrom remained in their Hands a considerable Time, and the Public, who had encouraged the said Lottery, in Hopes of a valuable Improvement on the said Road, becoming uneasy, applied to the then Assembly, who, in Consequence thereof, were pleased to appoint *Jacob Umstat*, and others, Commissioners to collect and receive all such Sums of Money as remained in the Hands of the Managers, and others, on Account of the said Lottery, and to build a Bridge over the said Creek at the

Place originally intended;—but the said Commissioners finding great Difficulties attending the collecting of the said Monies, being obliged to sue for several Sums, which, together with one of the Managers (in whose Hands by far the greatest Balance remained) having absconded the Province, and the unavoidable Delays in the Settlement of his Affairs, whereby the Petitioners apprehend the said Commissioners have been prevented from proceeding in the Work so far as they would willingly have done, have hitherto retarded this Undertaking, yet there is good Grounds to expect the Building will be begun and prosecuted the ensuing Summer, as proper Materials to a considerable Amount are contracted for, and Part thereof delivered on the Spot;——that the Petitioners are, however, informed that some Persons, whose Interests it may suit, have proposed petitioning the Honourable House for Leave to apply the Monies raised as aforesaid to build a Bridge on another Road lower down the said Creek, and not knowing how far the said Persons may deceive the House by Misrepresentations, the Petitioners have taken the Liberty to present the foregoing short State of the Case to their View, praying, that if such Petition should be offered, it may be rejected, and the Commissioners allowed to erect a Bridge at the Place originally intended.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from the Commissioners of the County of *York* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Honourable Assembly of this Province, on the Thirtieth of *June* last, was pleased to direct that three hundred Muskets and the like Number of Cartridge-Boxes should be made in the said County;—that the Petitioners and the Board, in Consequence of such Direction, have set the Gunsmiths of the County to work at the said Arms, and have induced them with the Assistance of the Committee to lay aside all other Business till the same be finished;—that some of the said Gunsmiths cannot afford to purchase the necessary Materials, and carry on the said Work, without Money advanced to them;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the House to pay the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, or such Sum as they may think proper, into the Hands of *Michael Swoope*, Esq; which Sum the Petitioners will advance to the said Gunsmiths in Order to enable them to carry on the said Work, and that the Petitioners will be accountable to the House for the same;—that the Cartridge-Boxes are finished, (a Bill for which is herewith sent) and the Petitioners pray the House to order the Treasurer to pay the Amount of them to the said

Michael Swoope;——that the Petitioners also beg Leave to represent that there is now a Quantity of Tin in the Town of *York*, sufficient to make a Number of Camp-Kettles to supply the Minute-Men of this County, in Case they should be called into actual Service, and unless it be soon engaged for this Purpose, will be worked up for other Uses; that if the House should be of Opinion such Kettles are necessary, the Petitioners will direct the same to be made and charged to the Province;—that the Petitioners apprehend, when the Number of the Militia (near Four Thousand) in this County is considered, the Arms allotted for it is not a proper Proportion, and therefore submit to the Judgment of the House whether the Number of Arms ought not to be encreased;—that the Committee of the said County some Time ago purchased a Quantity of Ammunition for public Use, (a Bill for which is herewith sent) and the said Committee advanced the Money for the same;—that the said Ammunition is now lodged in *York* Town, to be made Use of on any Emergency, for the Security and Defence of this Province; that the Petitioners humbly conceive the said Ammunition should be paid for by the Province, in Order to take the Burden from Individuals, and therefore further pray the House to order their Treasurer to pay the Amount of the said Ammunition to the said *Michael Swoope*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to examine the Accounts of incidental Expences for the past Year, and report the same to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of *Twenty-two Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

September 21, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night reported they had delivered the same, according to Order; and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Business to lay before the House at present.

A Petition from *Francis Owen*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Alexander Steward*, of *Acton*, in the County of *Armagh*, and Kingdom of *Ireland*, now a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Richard Ray*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed and paid to the said Overseers of the Poor by the Provincial Treasurer, for the Relief and Support of such aged, sick and infirm Neutrals as remain in and about the City, and cannot provide for themselves.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being made out accordingly, was signed by the Speaker.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of *Twenty-two Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, reported an Essay for that Purpose, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Memorial from the Committee and principal Inhabitants of the County of *York*, together with the Petition from a Number of Inhabitants residing near the *Manhatawney* or *Reading* Road, respecting the Building of a Bridge over *Skippack* Creek, and after some Debate thereon, ordered that the said Memorial and Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Richard Taylor*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 22, 1775.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Jacob Muck*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the

House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Patterson*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that a Cash-Lottery in four Classes hath been set up and drawn on *Petties* Island, in the River *Delaware*, superintended by *Robert Porter, Adam Folk, Andrew Porter, James Burnside, Robert Curry, Stephen Ploom, John Porter, Adam Hoffman, Paul Bower* and *William Armstrong*, of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, as Managers, "for raising the Sum of *Fourteen Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, to be applied to the following Purposes, *viz. Four Hundred Pounds* for finishing a *Presbyterian* Church in *Norriton* Township;—*Three Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* for purchasing a Lot of Ground, and erecting thereon a *German Lutheran* Church in *Whitpane* Township, *Philadelphia* County;—*Three Hundred Pounds* for the *Newark* Academy, and the Residue (after defraying the Expences of the Lottery) to be given to three Schoolmasters in *Philadelphia*, for the Purpose of purchasing some useful Books and Mathematical Instruments for the Benefit of their Schools."—That your Petitioner, as well as divers other Persons, became Adventurers in the said Lottery, and confiding in the Honesty and Integrity of the Managers, advanced their Money in purchasing Lottery Tickets with a View of doing Good, and to enable the Managers to pay the fortunate Prizes drawn in the said Lottery;—that the Petitioner (among others) drew a Prize of the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* in the said Lottery, but notwithstanding the many and repeated Applications that have been made to some of the Managers for Payment of the fortunate Prizes, the Petitioner's Efforts, as well as others, in that Respect, have been hitherto wholly ineffectual; he therefore prays the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and pass an Act that will oblige the Managers of the said Lottery to pay the fortunate Adventurers the Prize-Monies they have respectively drawn, and to which they are justly entitled agreeable to the Scheme proposed. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to strike the Sum of *Six Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, pursuant to the Directions of the Act, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" passed the Twenty-ninth Day of *June* last, produced to the Chair a Receipt from *Owen Jones*, Esq; Provincial Treasurer for the said Sum of *Six Thousand Pounds* in the said Bills of Credit to him paid agreeable to the Direction of the said Act.

The said Committee also produced four extra Sheets unsigned, which had been printed to supply any Loss or Deficiency happening in the said Bills during the Signing or Numbering the same; which four extra Sheets, containing *Eight Pounds* each, were burnt by Order of the House, in the Presence of the Members.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Speaker having reported to the House, that Mr. *Humphreys*, and himself, pursuant to the Resolution of the Assembly on the Thirtieth of *June* last, had taken a Bond, with two sufficient Securities, from *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer to the Committee of Safety, it is hereby directed that the said Bond be proved and recorded in the Rolls Office, and remain for safe keeping in the Hands of the Speaker.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from *Alexander Steward*, *Francis Owen*, *Richard Ray*, *Richard Taylor* and *Jacob Muck*, insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, were again read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances, for Enquiry into the Facts.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Wayne* be a Committee to collect from the Journals of the successive Assemblies of this Province since the Year 1763, all the Petitions and Remonstrances presented by the said Assemblies to the Crown and both Houses of Parliament, for Redress of *American* Grievances.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 23, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *James Mackey*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Northumberland* County, was presented to the House, read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

September 25, 1775.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-one Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 26, 1774.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" being transcribed, according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Roberts* and Mr. *Chapman* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The Members return, and report they had waited on the Governor, and delivered the said Bill, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the same into immediate Consideration, and give it all the Dispatch in his Power.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from the Board of Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Chester* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by Virtue of a Resolve of the Honourable House of Assembly, enjoining the Commissioners and Assessors of each County in this Province to provide a Number of Arms, *&c.* for the Uses and Purposes in the said Resolve mentioned, the Board have contracted with Workmen, and advanced a considerable Sum of Money, which they borrowed from the Treasurer of the said County, amounting to *Sixteen Hundred Pounds*; and as that Sum is not sufficient to complete the Whole, they request the House to lend them the further Sum of *Eight Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* on the Credit of the Board, to be repaid in Arms by them to be provided, in Pursuance of the aforesaid Resolve, for the Use of said County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* be allowed and paid to *Jacob Meyer*, for his Trouble and Expence in viewing the River *Schuylkill*, by Direction of a Committee of this House, in order to discover the most proper Place for a Bridge over the same.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table accordingly, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Humphreys*.

The Committee appointed on *Friday*, last, presented to the Chair a Report in Writing on the Business committed to them, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

YOUR Committee appointed "to collect from the Journals of the successive Assemblies of this Province, since the Year

1763, all the Petitions and Remonstrances presented by the said Assemblies to the Crown and both Houses of Parliament for Redress of Grievances," in Obedience to your Order, report, that they find upon the Journals of *January* the 14th, 1766, a Petition to the House of Commons, concerning Paper Currency; *June* the 6th, in the same Year, an Address of Thanks to the King, upon the Repeal of the Stamp-Act; *September* the 22d, 1768, Petitions to the King and both Houses of Parliament, upon the Paper, Tea and Glass Act; and *March* the 5th, 1771, another Petition to the King, upon the same Subject.

September 26, 1775.

BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW,	JOHN DICKINSON,
JOHN JACOBS,	WILLIAM RODMAN,
ISAAC PEARSON,	JOHN BROWN."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

Ordered, That the Clerk do immediately make out fair Copies of the several Petitions, and the Address therein referred to.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 27, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a verbal Message, requiring a List of the Orders and Certificates made payable out of the Supply-Bill now under his Consideration.

The Committee for incidental Expences reported a List of the Salaries and Accounts for the Services of the past Year, which being examined, and agreed to by the House,

Ordered, That a Copy thereof be made out by the Clerk, and the same being done at the Table accordingly,

Ordered, That Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor, and deliver the said Copy for his Consideration and Concurrence.

A Representation from the Trustees of the General Loan-Office of this Province was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they are applied to by the Treasurer of the County of *Westmoreland*, to pay him the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, directed by an Act of Assembly of this Province to be applied to the building a Court-house and Prison in the said County;—that as at present there is no Place fixed upon for the County Town, so of Course there can be none for the erecting of a Prison and Court-house in the said County; from whence it appears to the Trustees that the said Sum of Money cannot possibly at this Time be

applied to the Purpose intended by the Legislature;—that the Trustees are also of Opinion the Certificate of the Appointment of the Treasurer should be signed by a Majority of the Commissioners and Assessors; that under these Doubts of the Propriety of their Paying the Sum above-mentioned in the present Circumstances, they pray the Advice and Direction of the Honourable Assembly for that Purpose.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Memorial from the Officers of the three first Battalions of the military Association within the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that when the unhappy Emergency of public Affairs required the said Association should be formed, the Memorialists found it indispensably necessary, for carrying on the same, to advance money from Time to Time, to provide Drums, Colours and other Necessaries, and to employ Adjutants, Fugal-Men, Serjeants, Drummers and Fifers, on Account of the Association;—that these Efforts of the Memorialists have been attended with very considerable Effects, which may be of great Service in Support of the common Cause of *America*, there being three Battalions within the City and Liberties regularly formed, and well disciplined for the Time they have been established;—that as the Memorialists were induced to incur the Expences above-mentioned by no other Motive than a Desire to promote the public Security and Welfare, and as the Honourable House has approved their Proceedings, they rely with a respectful Confidence in the Justice and Equity of the Representative Body, that they will not allow a few individuals to remain any longer burthened with the Charge of Measures, that were designed for, and really tend, to the Benefit of the whole Community:—— That the Memorialists therefore pray the Honourable House will make such Provision in the Premises as in their Wisdom shall seem proper; and beg Leave to present an exact Account of their Expences;—that the Memorialists think it their Duty to observe, that, in order to keep up and give Effect to the Association, it will be necessary to retain in Pay the Persons that are required in training the Battalions, an Estimate of the Expence whereof in future is herewith delivered;——that the Memorialists cannot omit to mention to the House, that in Pursuance of a Recommendation from the Committee for the City and Liberties aforesaid, sundry Sums of Money were collected from a Number of Persons who generously advanced the same towards the Expence of the Association, until some public and general Mode of rais-

ing Money should be fallen upon to discharge the Debts the Officers had already contracted;—that the Amount of the said Collections is very inadequate to the Purpose intended, as will appear by the Account thereof annexed, and Assurances were given to the Subscribers that the said Sums should be repaid as soon as sufficient public Monies were raised by Tax, or otherwise.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Memorial from the Officers of the military Association for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Memorialists, with great Concern, perceive that fatal Mischiefs will arise to the Association from the Lenity shewn towards Persons professing to be conscientiously scrupulous against bearing Arms;—that People *sincerely* and *religiously* scrupulous are but few in Comparison to those who upon this Occasion, as well as others, make *Conscience a Convenience*;——that a very considerable Share of the Property of this Province is in the Hands of People professing to be of tender Conscience in military Matters;—that the Associators think it extremely hard that they should risk their Lives and injure their Fortunes in the Defence of those who will not be of the least Assistance in this great Struggle;—that the Memorialists therefore humbly conceive that some decisive Plan should be fallen upon to oblige every Inhabitant of the Province either with his Person or Property to contribute towards the general Cause, and that it should not be left, as at present, to the *Inclinations* of those professing tender Conscience, but that the Proportion they shall contribute, may be certainly fixed and determined;—that, in order to give Strength and Permanency to the Association, the Memorialists thought it absolutely necessary that some general Regulations should be formed to be offered to the Associators for their Government;—that under this Idea the Memorialists concurred with the Members of the Committees for the City, Liberties and County, and the Officers of the County Battalions, in requesting the Committee of Safety, who appeared to be vested with extensive Powers in the Recess of the Assembly, to form Rules and Regulations adequate to the Occasion;—that those Rules being formed and recommended by the Committee of Safety, and by the Memorialists offered to the Associators, they refused to sign or agree to them, for the Reasons contained in the Paper herewith presented to the Honourable House, in Pursuance of their Request;—that the House will

perceive the Reason, which pervades almost the Whole of their Objections, is the Partiality and Inequality of the Association, which being once obviated, the Memorialists respectfully offer it as their Opinion, that the Associators will Chearfully put up with many Inconveniences, and that all Jealousies and Suspicions about Forms will cease;—that the Memorialists therefore pray the Honourable House will take the Premises into their Consideration, and fall upon some effectual Plan to remedy the Inconveniences attendant on their present Situation, and to preserve together, and properly direct, the Associators, who express every Wish to defend their Country in this Season of Difficulty and Danger.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to audit and settle the public Accounts, reported a general State of the same in Writing, which being in Part read, by Order,

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 28, 1775.

Mr. Speaker, with some of the Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 29, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with a List of the Orders and Certificates of the House to be paid by the Supply Bill now before him, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House several Letters from *William M'Clay*, Esquire, *Thomond Ball*, and others, dated at *Sunbury*, *Northumberland* County, the 22d and 26th Instant, acquainting his Honour, "That a Party of the *Connecticut* Intruders, supposed to be a Detachment from Colonel *Butler's* Regiment, consisting, as it is at present conjectured, of nearly Three Hundred Men, arrived last *Saturday* Night at *Freeland's* Mill, on the *Warriors* Run, about thirteen Miles distant from the said Town, and that they immediately began to intrench themselves; from which Circumstance, and that they brought neither Women or Children, but instead of them, fortifying and intrenching Tools, and are accompanied by some of the Sellers of Lands in this County, under *Connecticut* Rights, it is presumed their Visit cannot be amicable." *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from the Committee of Safety, with an Estimate of Monies already expended and to be expended for

the Defence of this Province, were laid before the House, and being read, the said Memorial follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *MEMORIAL* of the COMMITTEE of SAFETY *Respectfully sheweth,*

THAT the said Committee, in Obedience to the Orders of the House, have taken upon them the Execution of the important Trust committed to them, and have proceeded to such Measures as appeared to them necessary to effectuate the Purposes for which they were appointed; the Minutes of their Transactions, together with an Estimate of the Expences incurred for the putting of this Province into a proper State of Defence, are with great Deference submitted to the Consideration of the House. From these it will appear, that the Sum of Money, granted by the House at their last Sessions, has been either wholly expended or remitted for the Purchase of Arms and Ammunition; and that a considerable Sum is still necessary to fulfil the Engagements already made for the above Purposes, and for the Paying and Victualling of the Men in the Service.

It must be obvious to the House, that much yet remains to be done to accomplish their salutary Intentions, particularly if the *British* Ministry should obstinately persist in their present arbitrary Measures.——Should this be the Case, (which from the present Appearance of Things seems but too probable) this Opportunity may perhaps be the only one we shall be possessed of to prepare the necessary Means for the Defence of our just Rights; for there can be no Doubt that vigorous Exertions will be made to intercept future Supplies. The Committee therefore apprehend it to be their indispensable Duty earnestly to recommend it to the House to grant such further liberal Aids, at their present Sessions, as may in their Wisdom be judged adequate to the Exigencies of the Province at this very important Crisis. They beg Leave also to represent to the House that there appears to be an immediate Necessity for constructing a Magazine or Magazines to receive the Powder already in the Province, and such as may arrive hereafter; large Quantities are shortly expected, and there is no Place where it can be stored with Safety, or any way guarded against Accidents, which that Article from its Nature must be exposed to, and which it is of considerable Moment to prevent.

The Committee having thus laid before the House the

Steps they have already taken, and their Opinion of some Measures which appear proper to be adopted, beg Leave, before they conclude this Report, to submit to the House a Matter interesting to the public Welfare: The military Association entered into by Numbers of the good People of this Province, has received the Approbation of the House, and undoubtedly deserves every Encouragement, as a Body of Freemen, animated by a Love of Liberty, and trained to the Use of Arms, afford the most certain and effectual Defence against the Approaches of Slavery and Oppression. It is wished therefore that this Spirit could have been more universally diffused; but the Associators complain, and, with great Appearance of Reason, that whilst they are subjected to Expences to accoutre themselves as Soldiers, and their Affairs suffer considerable by the Time necessarily employed in acquiring a Knowledge of the military Art, very many of their Countrymen, who have not associated, are entirely free from these Inconveniences;—they conceive that where the Liberty of all is at Stake, every Man should assist in its Support, and that where the Cause is common, and the Benefits derived from an Opposition are universal, it is not consonant to Justice or Equity that the Burdens should be partial. The Committee therefore would submit it to the Wisdom of the House, whether, at this Time of general Distress and Danger, some Plan should not be devised to oblige the Assistance of every Member of the Community; but as there are some Persons, who, from their religious Principles, are scrupulous of the Lawfulness of bearing Arms, this Committee, from a tender Regard to the Consciences of such, would venture to propose that their Contributions to the common Cause, should be pecuniary, and for that Purpose a Rate or Assessment be laid on their Estates equivalent to the Expence and Loss of Time incurred by the Associators. A Measure of this Kind appears to be founded on the Principles of impartial Justice, calculated to appease the Complaints which have been made, likely to give general Satisfaction, and be of Course beneficial to the great Cause we are engaged in.

Your Committee beg Leave to represent, that it will be necessary to appoint a Commodore or Commander in Chief of the armed Boats, which has been delayed hitherto out of Respect to your Honourable House.

Signed by Order of the Committee,

B. Franklin, *President.*"

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee of Grievances presented to the Chair a Report in Writing on the Circumstances of the several insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, who have applied to the House for Relief, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they attended at the Gaol of this City, to hear, in the Presence of their Creditors, the several Debtors who have petitioned the House for Enlargement; and that no Creditor of *Richard Taylor* appeared to object to his Discharge.

That *Jacob Muck* appears a proper Object for the Relief he solicits.

That the Creditors of *Alexander Stewart*, *Richard Ray* and *Francis Owen* have requested that they might have Time to examine further into the Circumstances of the said Debtors until the next Sitting of the House, which your Committee apprehend will be proper.

That no Objections have been made to your Committee by any of the Creditors of *James Mackey*, of *Northumberland*.

Submitted to the House,

GEORGE ROSS, JOSEPH PARKER,
HENRY CHREIST, JONATHAN ROBERTS,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN FOULKE,
BARN. DOUGHERTY, BENJ. BARTHOLOMEW,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS."

Upon Consideration of the above Report,

Ordered, That the same be, and it is hereby recommended to the Attention of the succeeding Assembly.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Board of Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Chester* was again read, and after some Debate, referred to the Notice of the next Assembly.

The House resumed the Consideration of the two Memorials presented on the 27th Instant from the Officers of the military Association for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly.

Ordered, That the Paper addressed to the said Officers from the general Committee of Associators, and presented to the House with the last of the said Memorials, do lie on the Table.

The House then proceeded in Reading the Report of the

Committee on the State of the public Accounts, which being gone through, and carefully examined, follows in these Words, *viz.*

REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the ASSEMBLY on the STATE of the Public ACOUNTS, (sic) 1775.

PURSUANT to the Appointment of the House, We have inspected and examined the several Public Accounts mentioned in this Report; and have burnt, sunk and destroyed the different Parcels of Bills of Credit as mentioned and specified in the same; the State of all which is as follows, viz.

WE find That,

Samuel Preston Moore on behalf of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, hath received since last Year's Settlement sundry Principal Sums or Quotas, due on the Mortgages [put under his Care by the said Trustees on the 21st October, 1767] for which he Credits the Province,		
By Cash received from sundry Persons, from August 27, 1774, to September 6, 1775, for Quotas due on the several Mortgages taken on the third Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, Four Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds Ten Shillings, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	484 10 0
And he Charges,		
To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of Assembly and by them burnt and destroyed according to Law, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	484 10 0

On Account of Interest on the said Mortgages he Credits,

BY Balance remaining in his Hands per Account settled last Year, — —	£	3,089	13	6
By Cash received of sundry Persons since last Settlement for Interest due on their several Mortgages, — — —		158	0	1
				£ 3,247 13 7
And he Charges,				
To Cash paid the following Orders of Assembly, viz.				
Edward Biddle, Esq; his Attendance on the late Congress, — — — —	£	56	0	0
Joseph Galloway, Esq; — — — — —				
ditto, — — — — — — — — — —		45	0	0
John Morton, Esq; — — — — — —				
ditto, — — — — — — — — — —		45	0	0
Samuel Rhoads, Esq; — — — — —				
ditto, — — — — — — — — — —		30	0	0
John Dickinson, Esq; — — — — —				
ditto, — — — — — — — — — —		11	0	0
Charles Humphreys, Esq; — — — —				
ditto, — — — — — — — — — —		45	0	0
George Ross, Esq; — — — — — —				
ditto, — — — — — — — — — —		55	0	0
Thomas Mifflin, Esq; — — — — —				
ditto, — — — — — — — — — —		45	0	0
The same for Expences paid for the Entertainment of the Members of the Congress, &c. &c. — — — — —		290	15	4
Michael Hillegas for sundry Disbursements for Necessaries supplied the Indians, — — — — — — — —		99	5	1½
Owen Biddle and Thomas Barcley, —		1,800	0	0
	£	2,522	0	5½
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£	2,522	0	5½ £ 3,247 13 7

Brought forward — — — — — — — — —	£ 2,522 0 5½	£ 3,247 13 7
To Balance in the Hands of Samuel Preston Moore of the Interest-Money,	725 13 1½	
		£ 3,247 13 7

Which Sum of Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One penny Half-penny we have counted.

QUOTAS remaining as per Report of the Committee last Year, — — —	£ 1,468 10 0	
Of which Samuel Preston Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee since that Time, and by them hath been burnt and destroyed, as already mentioned, — — — — — — — — —	484 10 0	
Quotas remaining due on 39 Mortgages.	£ 984 0 0	

The TRUSTEES of the present LOAN-OFFICE for emitting the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Thousand Pounds* have laid before the Committee the following STATE of that LOAN, *viz.*

They Credit the Province,

By Bills of Credit received of the Signers of that Emission, agreeable to Act of Assembly, — — — — —		£150,000 0 0
And they Debit the Province,		
To Cash paid the Treasurer of the County of Bedford in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed the 23d of July, 1774, towards enabling that County to erect a Court-house and Prison, — — — — — — — — — —	£ 800 0 0	
To ditto paid the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland, in Pursuance of the same Act for the like Purposes, — — — — — — — —	800 0 0	
	£ 1,600 0 0	
To Cash lent divers Persons on 994 Mortgages, viz.		
On 181 Mortgages in the City and County of Philadelphia, — — — —	£26,596 0 0	
137 —— Ditto, — in the County of Bucks, — — — — — — — —	18,620 0 0	
178 —— Ditto, — in the County of Chester, — — — — — — — —	26,784 0 0	
173 —— Ditto, — in the County of Lancaster, — — — — — — — — in York County none.	27,880 0 0	
133 —— Ditto, — in the County of Cumberland, — — — — — —	21,860 0 0	
57 —— Ditto, — in the County of Berks, — — — — — — — —	8,404 0 0	
28 —— Ditto, — in the County of Northampton, — — — — — —	4,536 0 0	
44 —— Ditto, — in the County of Bedford, — — — — — — — —	4,976 0 0	
61 —— Ditto, — in the County of Northumberland, — — — — —	8,512 0 0	
2 —— Ditto, — in the County of Westmoreland, — — — — —	232 0 0	
994		
		£150,000 0 0

The Trustees inform your Committee, that on the 1st of March last they received in Discharge of a Mortgage, which they had taken, the whole Principal Sum, —	£	200	0 0
Also the Interest then due, — — — — — — — —		9	5 6

Which Principal Sum was by them let out on Mortgage the following Day, and is included in the above State. The Interest remains in their Hands to be accounted for.

STATE of ACCOUNTS of the several Counties for the Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

Philadelphia County for the Provincial Taxes, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the Committee September 9, 1774, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						£	5,800 13 7¾
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —						Cr.	
By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, viz.							
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — —				£	0 7 6		
Cash paid Commissioners Orders, viz.							
Ward Assessors Fees, —	£	2	5 0				
Clerks Fees, Stationary, &c. — — — — — —		23	5 10				
		25	10 10				
1774.							
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
Dec.							
2. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings — —	£	1,779	14 0				
1775.							
Jan.							
17. Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings 7 Pence Half-penny, —		979	11 7½				
Feb.							
14. One Thousand and Eleven Pounds 19s5. — — —		1,011	19 5				
Mar.							
29. One Thousand and Sixty-two Pounds Five Shillings Three-pence, — — —		1,062	5 3				
Aug.							
3. Five Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Twelve Shillings Five-pence, — — —		577	12 5				
				5,436	13 6½		
County Treasurers Commissions on £5,436 13 6½ at 20s. per Cent, —					54 7 4		
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — —					309 5 3¼		
						£	5,800 13 7¾

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —					£12,462 3 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — — —	£ 180 17 6				
Collectors Fees, — —	307 0 3				
			£ 487 17 9		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£ 34 0 0				
County Assessors, ditto, — — — — —	96 0 0				
Township and Ward Assessors, ditto, —	121 5 0				
Clerks Fees and other Expences, — — — —	112 1 8				
1775.					
By Cash paid Owen Jones Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
Aug.					
3. Nine Hundred and Fifteen Pounds 10s6. — — — —	£ 915 10 6				
10. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-three Pounds 16s11. —	1,863 16 11				
Sept.					
7. One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds 19s11. —	1,236 19 11				
			£ 4,379 14 0		
County Treasurers Commissions on £4,379 14 0 at 20s. p. Cent, — — — —	43 15 11¼				
			4,423 9 11¼		
Baance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — —			7,550 15 9¾		
					£12,462 3 6

Bucks County for the Provincial Tax 1774, *Jos. Chapman*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO Balance remaining uncollected as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£ 569 7 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those settled last Year, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£ 22 3 5				
Collectors Fees, — —	12 19 3				
			£ 35 2 9		
County Assessors Fees,	£ 0 10 0				
Carried forward — —	£ 0 10 0		£ 35 2 9		£ 569 7 0

Brought forward — —	£ 0 10 0	£ 85 2 9	£ 569 7 0
1775.			
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
May			
23. Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds 1s6. —	£ 460 1 6		
Sept.			
6. Forty Pounds and Nine-pence,	40 0 9		
		500 12 3	
County Treasurers Commissions (sic) on £ 500 12 3 at 20s. per Cent, — —		5 0 1½	
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — —		28 11 10½	
			£ 569 7 0

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, — — — — — —			£ 2,279 2 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.			
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£ 10 15 6		
Collectors Fees, — —	43 11 4		
		£ 54 6 10	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£ 31 11 6		
County Assessors — ditto, — — — — —	31 15 0		
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —	64 15 0		
Clerks Fees, &c. — —	43 14 0		
1775.			
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
June			
16. Seven Hundred and Twenty Pounds 6s3. —	£ 720 6 3		
July			
22. Three Hundred and Eleven Pounds, — —	311 0 0		
Sept.			
6. Four Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds 12s6. — — —	478 12 6		
		£ 1,681 14 3	
County Treasurers Commissions on £1,681 14 3, at 20s. per Cent,	£ 16 16 4		
Mileage, — — — — —	0 13 0		
			1,699 3 7
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — —		525 12 1	
			£ 2,279 2 6

Chester County for the Provincial Tax, 1773, *James Gibbons*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year,				£	114	17	3½	
To a Tax collected not before accounted for — — — — — — — — — — — —					0	10	9	
								£ 115 8 0½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —							Cr.	
By Deficiencies adjusted by the County Commissioners since last Settlement, — 1774.				£	5	12	4	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.								
Dec. 7. Twenty-four Pounds 15s2 —	£	24	15	2				
1775. Mar. 2. Twelve Pounds 12s6 — — — —		12	12	6				
Sept. 18. Fifty-one Pounds 12s11 — — — —		51	12	11				
					89	0	7	
County Treasurers Commissions on £ 89 0 7 at 20s. per Cent,					0	17	9½	
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — —					19	17	4	
								£ 115 8 0½

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-Penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, —				£	1,991	13	0	
To a Drawback of Collectors Fees, on Tax not collected, — — — — — —					1	10	2	
								£ 1,993 3 2
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — —							Cr.	
By sundry Charges on the said Tax exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.								
Deficiencies, — — — — — — — — — —				£	163	19	4	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£	2	5	0				
County Assessors — ditto, — — — — —		2	14	0				
Township Assessors — ditto, — — — — —		17	5	0				
Clerks — ditto, — —		1	2	6				
1774. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.								
Dec. 7. Five Hundred and Forty-six Pounds 12s9 — —	£	546	12	9				
1775. Mar. 1. Forty-one Pounds 11s2 — — — —		41	11	2				
2. Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds 1s7 — —		375	1	7				
14. Fifteen Pounds,		15	0	0				
Carried forward — —	£	1,001	12	0	£	163	19	4 £ 1,993 3 2

Brought forward — —	£1,001 12 0	£	163 19 4	£ 1,993 3 2	
May					
3. One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds and 6d. — — —	115 0 6				
June					
19. Fifty-four Pounds 7s. — — — — — —	54 7 0				
Sept.					
18. One Hundred and Forty-four Pounds 8s2 — — — — — —	144 8 2				
		£	1,315 7 8		
County Treasurers Commissions on £ 1,315 7 8 at 20s. per Cent, — — —			13 3 1		
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — — —			500 13 1		
				£ 1,993 3 2	

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —				£ 3,849 5 0	
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies, — — —	£ 58 5 9				
Collectors Fees, — —	96 4 7½				
		£	154 10 4½		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£ 33 15 0				
County Assessors — ditto, — — — — —	59 10 0				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —	78 7 0				
Clerks ditto, &c. — —	39 15 0				
	£ 211 7 0				
County Treasurers Commissions on £211 7 0 at 20s. per Cent, —	£ 2 2 3				
Mileage, — — — — —	0 12 0				
			214 1 3		
Balance due to the Province, — — —			3,480 13 4½		
				£ 3,849 5 0	

Lancaster County for the Provincial Taxes, *Christian Wertz*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO Balance remaining uncollected as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£ 1,350 15 6	
CONTRA — — — — — — —				Cr.	
1774.					
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
Sept.					
19. Two Hundred Pounds, for which the Provincial Treasurer gave Credit in his last Years Settlement, — —	£ 200 0 0				
Carried forward — —	£ 200 0 0			£ 1,350 15 6	

Brought forward — —	£ 200 0 0			£ 1,350 15 6
1775.				
June				
24. One Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Pounds,	£1,130 0 0			
Sept.				
12. Seven Pounds 8s2	7 8 2			
		£ 1,337 8 2		
County Treasurers Commissions on £ 1,337 8 2 at 20s. per Cent, — — —		13 7 4		
				£ 1,350 15 6

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, —	£ 5,355 1 1		
To Cash received of Daniel M'Pherson in pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed the 21st March, 1772, — —	72 12 6		
			£ 5,427 13 7
CONTRA			Cr.
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, viz.			
Deficiencies by Insolvents, &c. — — —	£ 343 15 1		
Collectors Fees, — —	125 5 7		
		£ 469 0 8	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£ 59 18 0		
County Assessors — ditto, — — — — —	77 5 0		
Township Assessors — ditto, — — — — —	134 5 0		
Clerks — ditto, — —	26 10 0		
		£ 297 18 0	
1775.			
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
June			
24. Three Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds 2s5 — —	£ 383 2 5		
Sept.			
11. Two Thousand and Seventy Pounds 6s9 — —	2,070 6 9		
12. Thirty Pounds 19s4 — — — —	30 19 4		
What had been received of Daniel M'Pherson, — —	72 12 6		
		£ 2,557 1 0	
County Treasurers Commissions on £2,854 19 0 at 20s. per Cent, — — — — —	£ 28 11 0		
Mileage, — — — —	1 13 0		
		30 4 0	
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — —		2,073 9 11	
			£ 5,427 13 7

York County for the Provincial Taxes, *Robert M'Pherson*, late Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance as reported by the Committee last Year, —			£ 181 10 6
CONTRA —— —— —— —— ——		Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer 1775, February 11, — — — — — —	£ 119 16 3		
County Treasurers Commissions on £ 119 16 3 at 20s. per Cent, — — —	1 3 11		
Balance due to the Province, — — —	60 10 4		
		£	181 10 6

On Account of Taxes due from the Estates of Non-Residents, Dr.

TO Balance due as reported by the Committee last Year, Of which no Part hath been paid.	£	340 11 6½

York County for the Provincial Taxes, *Michael Swoope*, Esq: Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO Balance remaining uncollected as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — —		£	57 2 5
CONTRA —— —— —— —— ——	Cr.		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,	£ 56 11 0		
County Treasurers Commissions at 20s. per Cent, — — — — — — — — —	0 11 5		
		£	57 2 5

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — —		£	689 19 8
CONTRA —— —— —— —— ——		Cr.	
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax (exclusive of those settled last Year) as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.			
Deficiencies, — — —	£ 46 7 2		
Collectors Fees, — —	43 5 7		
		£	89 12 9
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£ 14 13 0		
Clerks Fees, — — —	7 0 0		
1775.			
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
May			
6. Five Hundred and Eight Pounds 10s7.	£ 508 10 7		
Carried forward — —	£ 530 3 7	£ 89 12 9	£ 689 19 8

Brought forward — —	£	530	3	7	£	89	12	9	£	689 19 8
Sept.										
18. Sixty-two Pounds 18s11. — — —		62	18	11						
19. One Pound 5s6.		1	5	6						
						594	8	0		
County Treasurers Commissions on £594 8 0 at 20s. per Cent, — —						5	18	11		
									£	689 19 8

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —									£	2,983 9 7
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —									Cr.	
By sundry Charges in Levying the said Tax as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.										
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — — £		33	2	0						
County Assessors — ditto, — — — — —		35	10	0						
Township Assessors — ditto, — — — — —		98	5	0						
Clerks, — ditto, — —		29	5	0						
	£	196	2	0						
1775.										
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.										
June										
20. Two Hundred and Two Pounds and 2 p. — — — — —	£	202	0	2						
Sept.										
18. Seven Hundred and Three Pounds and 7 p. — — —		703	0	7						
					£	1,101	2	9		
County Treasurers Commissions on £1,101 2 9 at 20s. per Cent, — — — —	£	11	0	2						
Mileage, — — — —		2	4	6						
						13	4	8		
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — —						1,869	2	2		
									£	2,983 9 7

Cumberland County for the Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Esq; Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes,

TO Balance due on said Taxes of last Settlement, — —									£	243 0 6¾
All which Balance remains undischarged.										

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due thereon at last Settlement, — — — —				£	264 16 7
All which Balance remains undischarged.					

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due thereon at last Settlement, — — — —				£	177 7 3½
All which Balance remains undischarged.					

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due thereon at last Settlement, — — — —				£	292 10 8
CONTRA —— —— —— —— ——					Cr.
By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies, — — —	£	7 8 6			
Collectors Fees, — —		1 5 11			
			£	8 14 0	
1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Sept.					
18. Twenty-three Pounds 16s8. —	£	23 16 8			
County Treasurers Commissions on £23 16 8 at 20s. per Cent, —		0 5 0			
				24 1 8	
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — — —				259 15 0	
					£ 292 10 8

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due at last Settlement, — — — — — — —				£	380 12 2
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —					Cr.
By sundry Charges on said (sic), Tax, exclusive of those already adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies, — — —	£	5 12 6			
Collectors Fee, — — —		1 2 6			
			£	6 15 0	
1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Sept.					
18. Six Pounds 15s9.	£	6 15 9			
County Treasurers Commissions on £6 15 9 at 20s. per Cent, —		0 1 6			
				6 17 3	
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — — —				366 19 11	
					£ 380 12 2

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due at last Settlement, — — — — — — — —				£	812 15 3
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies, — — —	£ 45 7 0				
Collectors Fees, — —	11 10 6½				
		£	56 17 6½		
Township Assesssors Fees, — — — — —	£ 3 0 0				
1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,					
Sept.					
18. Two Hundred and Nineteen Pounnds, —	219 0 0				
			222 0 0		
County Treasurers Commissions on £222 at 20s. per Cent, — — — — — —			2 4 4½		
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — —			531 13 4		
				£	812 15 3

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — —				£	2,804 4 5
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax as adjusted by the County Commissioners viz.					
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£ 36 9 0				
County Assessors — ditto, — — — — —	36 5 0				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —	82 0 0				
Clerks — ditto, &c. —	41 13 6				
	£ 196 7 6				
1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,					
June					
29. One Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds 19s11. — — — —	£ 165 19 11				
Sept.					
18. One Hundred Pounds 10s9. —	100 10 9				
		£	462 18 2		
Counnty Treasurers Commissions on £462 18 2 at 20s. per Cent. —	£ 4 12 7				
Mileage, — — — — —	3 0 0				
			7 12 7		
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding. — — — — — — — —			2,333 13 8		
				£	2,804 4 5

Berks County for the Provincial Taxes, *Christopher Witman*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	101 0 9
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,						
Sept.						
6. One Hundred Pounds and 9d. — —		£	100 0 9			
County Treasurers Commissions on £100-0 9 at 20s. per Cent, — — — — —			1 0 0			
					£	101 0 9

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —					£	2,693 6 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as adjusted by the County Commissioners viz.						
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£	39 17 3				
Collectors Fees, — —		59 8 3				
			£	99 5 6		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£	27 15 9				
County Assessors — ditto, — — — — —		38 10 0				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —		58 0 0				
Clerks Fees, &c. — —		20 17 8				
			£	145 3 5		
1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,						
Sept.						
6. One Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-five Pounds, —				1,545 0 0		
County Treasurers Commissions on £1,690 3 5 at 20s. per Cent,	£	16 18 0				
Mileage, — — — — —		1 9 0				
				18 7 0		
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — —				885 10 7		
					£	2,693 6 6

Northampton County for the Provincial Taxes, *Herman Schnyder*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

TO Balance remaining uncollected as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	241 15 8
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.						
Mar.						
14. Two Hundred Pounds, — — — —	£	200 0 0				
Carried forward — —	£	200 0 0			£	241 15 8

Brought forward — —	£	200	0	0				£	241 15 8
Sept.									
8. Thirty-nine Pourds (sic) 7s9½		39	7	9½					
					£	239	7	9½	
County Treasurers Commimssions on £239 7 9½ at 20s. per Cent, — —						2	7	10½	
								£	241 15 8

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —								£	1,550 9 3
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —								Cr.	
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax as adjusted by the County Commissioners viz.									
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£	6	8	6					
Collectors Fees, — —		38	12	0					
					£	45	0	6	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£	30	4	6					
County Assessors — ditto, — — — — —		29	5	0					
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — —		51	0	0					
Clerks Fees, &c. — —		37	7	6					
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz.									
1775									
Mar.									
14. One Hundred and Five Pounds, —	£	105	0	0					
Apr.									
22. Two Hundred Pounds, — — —		200	0	0					
May									
23. Six Hundred and Forty-one Pounds,		641	0	0					
Sept.									
8. Eighty Pounds 3s8. — — — — —		80	3	8					
						1,174	0	8	
County Treasurers Commissions on £1,174 0 8 at 20s. per Cent, — — — —	£	11	14	9½					
Mileage, — — — — —		1	10	0					
						13	4	9½	
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — —						318	3	3½	
								£	1,550 9 3

THE Treasurer for the County of Bedford hath not exhibited any Account of the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, nor has he paid any Money to the Provincial Treasurer on Account of the same, or on the Balances due from that (sic) Country on the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Taxes reported last Year.

Northumberland County for the Provincial Taxes, *Alexander Hunter*, Treasurer,

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	723 3 8
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,					
Sept. 18. Sixty-eight Pounds 2s3. — — —	£	68 2 3			
County Treasurers Commissions on £68 2 3 at 20s. per Cent, — — —		0 13 7			
Balance due to the Province, — — —		654 7 10			
				£	723 3 8

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance due on this Tax as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	1,053 1 11½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,					
Sept. 18. Sixty-nine Pounds 11s4. — — —	£	69 11 4			
County Treasurers Commissions on £69 11 4 at 20s. per Cent, — —		0 13 11			
Balance due to the Province, — — — —		982 16 8½			
				£	1,053 1 11½

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — —				£	1,695 17 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Collectors Fees on £160, — — — — — —	£	4 0 0			
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — — —	£	34 8 0			
County Assessors — ditto, — — — — — —		29 5 0			
Township Assessors ditto, — — — — — —		18 0 0			
Clerks Fees, — — —		15 0 0			
	£	96 13 0			
1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Sept. 15. Fifty-nine Pounds 7s. — — — —		59 7 0			
			156 0 0		
County Treasurers Commissions on £156 0 0 at 20s. per Cent, —	£	1 10 1			
Mileage, — — — — —		3 5 0			
			4 15 1		
Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, — — — — — — — —			1,531 1 11		
				£	1,695 17 0

THE Treasurer for the County of WESTMORELAND hath not exhibited any Account either for the Seventeenth or Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Taxes, nor has he paid any Money on Account of either to the Provincial Treasurer.

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the Honourable the* PROPRIETARIES.

The Estate of the Honourable the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as settled by the Commissioners of the respective Counties,

Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province at Settlement last Year [exclusive of the Tax on their Lands in Cumberland and and Westmoreland in the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax] — — — — — — —		£ 1,425 9 2¼	
To Amount of their Tax in the 17th Eighteen-penny Tax, viz.			
Cumberland County, not brought in—			
Westmoreland County, not brought in—			
To Amount of their Tax in the 18th Eighteen-penny Tax, viz.			
Philadelphia County,	£ 144 15 0		
Bucks County, — —	30 12 0		
Chester County, — —	47 16 9		
Lancaster County, —	147 17 6		
York County, — —	117 16 9½		
Cumberland County,	129 12 10		
Berks County, — —	191 5 0		
Northampton County,	124 14 1		
Bedford County not brought in—			
Westmoreland County not brought in—			
Northumberland County, — — — —	205 13 9½		
		£ 1,140 3 9	
			£ 2,565 12 11¼

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,	£ 621 0 0	
Balance due to the Province, — — —	1,944 12 11¼	
		£ 2,565 12 11¼

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the EXCISE on* SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS *in the several Counties*, viz.

The Estate of *Joseph Stretch*, deceased, late Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

TO Balance of Account as settled by the Committee last Year, —	£	320 12 7½
Of which no Part hath been paid.		

William Crispin, Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

TO Balance due as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — —	£	597 10 9
Carried forward — — — — — — — — —	£	597 10 9

Brought forward — — — — — — — — —	£ 597 10 9		
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1774, to July 1, 1775, — — — — — — — —	5,127 2 8		
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — —	387 0 0		
To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures,	34 2 6		
		£ 6,145 15 11	
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — — — — — — —	£ 5,300 0 0		
By Commissions on £5,300 at 5 per Cent, — — — — — — — — — — —	265 0 0		
Balance due to the Province, — — —	580 15 11		
		£ 6,145 15 11	

John Woolston, Collector for *Bucks* County, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1774, to the 1st July, 1775, — — — — — —	£ 542 0 8		
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — — —	58 11 10		
		£ 600 12 6	
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — — — — — — —	£ 540 11 3		
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —	60 1 3		
		£ 600 12 6	

Thomas Tucker, Collector for *Chester* County, Dr.

TO Balance due as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — —	£ 86 13 0		
To Amount of Excise from Aug. 1, 1774, to Aug. 1, 1775, — — — — — — — —	1,133 15 8		
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — —	75 0 4		
To one Moiety of three Fines, — — —	7 10 0		
		£ 1,302 19 0	
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Amount of Debts of Persons who became Insolvent, &c. — — — — — —	£ 16 3 4		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — — — — — — —	916 0 0		
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —	91 12 0		
By Balance due to the Province, — —	279 3 8		
		£ 1,302 19 0	

Sebastian Graaff, Collector for *Lancaster* County, Dr.

TO Balance due as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — —	£ 362 16 9		
To Amount of Excise from July 10, 1774, to July 10, 1775, — — — — — — — —	975 15 0		
To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — — — — — —	75 11 6		
To a Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, —	14 10 0		
		£ 1,428 13 3	
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.	
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — — — — — — —	£ 885 13 3		
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —	88 11 4		
By Balance due to the Province, — —	454 8 8		
		£ 1,428 13 3	

Note. No Account of EXCISE hath been rendered by Henry Miller, Collector for YORK County, but we find his Deputy, Michael Hahn, has paid the Provincial Treasurer on Account One Hundred and Ninety-five Pounds Nine Shillings and Seven-pence, — — — — — — £ 195 9 7

Thomas Beard, Collector for *Cumberland County*, Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from August 1, 1773, to August 10, 1774, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	103 7 6
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, as reported by the Committee, Septtember (sic) 26, 1774, —	£	64	0 0		
1774.					
Dec. 9. By Cash paid ditto, — — — —		29	0 9		
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		10	6 9		
				£	103 7 6

Note. This Account was settled with THOMAS BEARD December 10, 1774, since which no further Account hath been rendered—nor any more Money paid unto the Provincial Treasurer,—the said Thomas Beard, Collector of Excise for Cumberland County being deceased.

The ESTATE of *Jasper Scull*, deceased, late Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

TO Balance due as reported by the Committee last Year, — Of which no Part hath been paid.				£	135 10 2

John Biddle, present Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

TO Balance due as reported by the Committee last Year, — Of which no Part, nor of the present Year's Excise hath been paid, nor any Account rendered by the Collector.				£	114 7 1

Jesse Jones, Collector for *Northampton* County, Dr.

TO Balance due as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — —	£	34	0 2		
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1774, to July 1, 1775, — — — — — — — —		344	2 0		
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — — —		35	5 0		
				£	413 7 2
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,	£	360	0 0		
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, —		36	0 0		
By Balance due to the Province, — —		17	7 2		
				£	413 7 2

NO Account hath been rendered by THOMAS URIE, Collector of Excise for the County of BEDFORD, for these *Three Years* past, nor has he paid any Money into the Provincial Treasury — he requests the House would appoint another Collector in his Stead.

THOMAS LEMON, late Collector for NORTHUMBERLAND County hath not rendered any Account of Excise for two Years before last Settlement, nor from thence to the Time he died—nor has he, or any for him, paid any Money on that Account into the Provincial Treasury saving Forty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings, reported last Year.

ALEXANDER HUNTER, the present Collector for the said County, hath not exhibited any Account for Excise received since his Appointment, but we find he has paid into the Provincial Treasury Twelve Pounds Three Shillings and Ten-pence.

JAMES KINKEAD, Collector for the County of WESTMORELAND, hath not rendered any Account for Excise for *Three Years* past, nor has any Money been paid into the Provincial Treasury on that Account.

STATE of other Accounts, *viz.*

Thomas Coombe, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for Supporting a Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*,

Dr.

TO Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia, from August 30, 1774, to August 30, 1775. — — — —	£	2,094	19	7		
To Balance due to Thomas Coombe, —		0	2	10		
					£ 2,095	2 5
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,	£	1,969	8	6		
Commissions at 6 per Cent, — — — —		125	13	11		
					£ 2,095	2 5

Thomas Coombe on Account of the Monies received for the Hospital on the *Province Island*, in Pursuance of the Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province*," passed *January* 22, 1774,

Dr.

TO Cash received of sundry Persons for 2,751 Passengers and Servants arrived in different Vessels at Philadelphia, from September 19, 1774, to September 4, last, — — — — — — — — — — —	£	68	15	6		
To Balance due to Thomas Coombe, —		0	3	4		
					£	68 18 10
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Balance due to Thomas Coombe at last Settlement, — — — — — — —	£	0	4	4		
By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer,		67	1	0		
His Commissions at 2½ per Cent, — —		1	13	6		
					£	68 18 10

NO Account of NEGRO DUTY hath been rendered these two Years past, but we find, that at the Settlement with Thomas Coombe, September 1773, there remained in his Hands £9 11 7, the Outstanding Debts then uncollected being £407 10 0, since which he has paid into the Hands of the Provincial Treasury as follows,

Before last Year's Settlement, as reported by the Committee, — — — —	£	112 0 0	
And since the last Settlement, — — —		66 19 6	
Amounting together, to — — — — — — — —			£ 178 19 6

JOSEPH FOX, Esquire, Barrack-Master in PHILADELPHIA, hath rendered his Account and Vouchers for sundry Materials and Repairs on the Barracks, amounting to — £ 3 0 9

For which he is in Advance.

SAMUEL PENROSE hath not, as we find, paid any Money to the Provincial Treasurer, since last Settlement.

The Balance at that Time in his Hands amounted to — — — — — — — — — —	£	167 9 8	
The Rent of the Island to the 6th of September Instant, — —	£ 401 0 0		
The Interest of the £570, the Amount of the new Improvements, — — — —	34 4 0		
		435 4 0	
			£ 602 13 8

Which is the Sum at present due from him.

Thomas Mifflin, Esq; in Behalf of himself and the rest of the Committee appointed by the Assembly, has laid before the Committee of Accounts the following Account,

The Province of *Pennsylvania*, Dr.

TO Cash paid Daniel Smith for the Entertainment; and to sundry Persons as per Account rendered, — — —	£	290 15 4
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.
By Cash received of Samuel Preston Moore, Esq; out of the Interest-Money in his Hands, agreeable to the Directions of the Assembly. — — — — — — — — — —	£	290 15 4

The Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia* appointed per Act of Assembly passed the 26 *February*, 1733. Dr.

TO Balance in the Hands of the Wardens, as settled by the Committee, September 21, 1774, — — — — — —	£	2,586 15 11¾	
To Cash received of the Provincial Treasurer towards Support of the Light-house, &c. out of the Monies arising from the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, the Sum of — — — —	£ 950 0 0		
Carried forward — —	£ 950 0 0	£ 2,586 15 11¾	

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£ 950 0 0	£ 2,586 15 11¾
To ditto received of the same out of the £12,000 issued in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed 26 February, 1773, — —	40 6 0	
To ditto received of the same out of the £6,000 issued in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed 18th March last, — — —	5,200 0 0	
	6,190 6 0	
		£ 8,777 1 11¾

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid sundry Persons for Materials and Workmanship on the Piers in the River Delaware, Shallop Men, Flat-Men and Labourers Wages, Wardens Attendance, &c. &c. as per Account and Vouchers, — — — — — —	£ 3,009 10 3	
Note. The Sums charged last Year to be accounted for being now considered.		
By ditto paid sundry Persons for Support of the Light-house, &c. including John Hitchcock's Wages to the 10th of September, 1775, and for fixing Buoys, &c. &c. as per Account and Vouchers,	967 0 3¼	
	£ 3,976 10 6¼	
Balance in the Hands of the Wardens, —	4,800 11 5½	
		£ 8,777 1 11¾

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of* OWEN JONES, PROVINCIAL TREASURER, *viz.*

On Account of the Duties and Tonnage per Act of Assembly passed 1758, Dr.

TO Balance of Account as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		£ 2 10 7½

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid Benjamin Franklin, Esq; being the Balance of this Account in Part of his Certificate of £500 Sterling, as appropriated by Act of Assembly, passed 29th of September, 1774, — — — — — — — — — — — —	£ 2 10 4½	
Commissions 10s. per Cent, — — — —	0 0 3	
		£ 2 10 7½

On Account of the *Province Island*, Dr.

TO Balance in his Hands, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — —	£ 622 17 10	
To Cash received of Thomas Coombe, being Monies by him collected from sundry Persons in Pursuance of the Act of Assembly, entituled, *"An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province,"* — — —	67 1 0	
		£ 689 18 10

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

1774.						
Oct.						
5.	By Cash paid James Lees, for 12 Bedsteds, &c. — — — — — —	£	13	17	6	
Dec.						
16.	By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, junior for Blankets, — — — —		28	18	0	
1775.						
Mar.						
30.	By ditto paid John Little for hauling Earth in the State-House Yard, — — — — — — — —		3	7	8	
Apr.						
6.	By ditto paid Luke Morris, Thomas Wharton and Samuel Morris, — — — — — — — — —		183	11	9	
21.	By ditto paid Hugh and George Roberts, — — — — — — — —		6	16	9	
May						
19.	By ditto paid Cooper and Harrison, — — — — — — — — —		9	11	8	
24.	By ditto paid Owen Biddle and Thomas Barclay, — — — — —		200	0	0	
26.	By ditto paid Everard M'Clees for Repairs, — — — — — — —		27	18	11	
July						
17.	By ditto paid John Wear and and Thomas Faries, — — — —		7	0	0	
25.	By ditto paid John Wear, — —		3	16	6	
29.	By ditto paid Isaac Hendrickson,		20	0	0	
Aug.						
8.	By ditto paid William Stuart for hauling Stones, — — — — — —		14	0	0	
9.	By ditto paid Henry Peterson for Isaac Weaver, — — — — — —		9	18	0	
21.	By ditto paid John Wear, — —		4	0	0	
29.	By ditto paid John Crosby, Jun.		7	0	0	
Sept.						
23.	By ditto paid Michael Hillegas for Necessaries for Negro Dublin, &c. — — — — — — — — — —		22	8	2½	
		£	562	4	11½	
	By his Commission at 5 per Cent, —		28	2	2½	
	Balance due to the Province, — — —		99	11	8	
						£ 689 18 10

On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

TO Cash received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, — — — £ 66 19 6

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — —	£	66	12	11	
By his Commissions at 10s. per Cent,		0	6	7	
					£ 66 19 6

On Account of the Act for granting £24,000 to the King's Use, Dr.

TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — —	£	701	11	0	
To Cash received of John Reynell on Account of the Goods sold to Baynton, Wharton and Morgan, by the Commissioners of the Indian Trade, which Goods belonged to the Province,		219	14	3	
					£ 921 5 3

CONTRA	Cr.				
By Cash paid being the Balance of the £ 701 11 0, appropriated by Act of Assembly passed 29th September, 1774, in Part of Benjamin Franklin, Esq; Certificate of £ 500 Sterling,	£	698	1	3	
By his Commissions at 10s. per Cent,		3	9	9	
Balance in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer,		219	14	3	
					£ 921 5 3

On Account of the Duties and Tonnage of Ships for Supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

TO the Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year,	£	1,756	5	4	
To Cash received of Thomas Coombe, in several Payments,		1,969	8	6	
					£ 3,725 13 10

CONTRA	Cr.				
By Cash paid Peter Reeve towards support of the Light-house, &c. the Sum of	£	950	0	0	
By Bills of Credit of the £12,000 and of the 6,000 delivered the Committee and by them burnt,		2,457	18	0	
By his Commissions at 10s. per Cent,		17	0	9	
Balance due to the Province,		300	15	1	
					£ 3,725 13 10

On Account of the Act for raising and applying £3,000 towards removing *Indian* Discontents, Dr.

TO Balance due as reported by the Committee last Year,					£ 3 9 0

CONTRA	Cr.				
By Cash paid Benjamin Franklin, Esq; being the Balance of this Account in Part of his Certificate of £500 Sterling, as appropriated per Act of Assembly passed 29th September, 1774,	£	3	8	8	
By his Commissions,		0	0	4	
					£ 3 9 0

On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*, Dr.

TO Cash received of William Crispin, Collecter of Philadelphia County,	£	5,300	0	0
of John Woolston, Bucks,		540	11	3
of Thomas Tucker Chester,		916	0	0
of Sebastian Graaf Lancaster,		885	13	8
of Henry Miller per his Deputy, York,		195	9	7
of Thomas Beard Cumberland,		29	0	9
of John Biddle Berks,		0	0	0
of Jesse Jones Northampton,		360	0	0
Carried forward	£	8,226	14	10

Carried forward — — — — — — — —				£ 8,226 14 10	
of Thomas Urie — — — — Bedford, — — — — — —				0 0 0	
of Alexander Hunter — — — Northumberland, — — — —				12 3 10	
of James Kinkead — — — — Westmoreland, — — — —				0 0 0	
					£ 8,238 18 8

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

1775.					
July					
15. By Cash paid Thomas Leech for signing Bills, —	£	12	15 1		
17. By ditto, paid James Stevens ditto, — — — —		10	8 9		
By ditto, paid Robert Tuckniss ditto, — — — —		16	16 0		
Sept.					
2. By ditto, paid William Crispin, ditto, — — — —		12	7 5		
13. By ditto, paid Samuel Preston Moore, ditto, —		10	12 0		
16. By ditto, paid Jos. Hillborn, Treasurer to the Pennsylvania Hospital, for ditto,		276	14 9		
				£ 339 14 0	
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, viz.					
Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 20, 1767, being Part of the £20,000 —	£	424	0 0		
Of the Bills issued per Act passed February 18, 1769, being Part of the £16,000 — —		867	0 0		
Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, being Part of the £7,000 — —		365	11 3		
Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 21, 1772, being Part of the 25,000 — —		2,786	3 10		
				4,442 15 1	
By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, —				239 2 5	
Balance in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, — — — — — — — —				3,217 7 2	
					£ 8,238 18 8

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Robert M'Pherson, York County,				£ 119 16 3	
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee and by them burnt, — — — —	£	119	10 4		
By his Commissions at 5s. per Cent, —		0	5 11		
				£ 119 16 3	

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of John Montgomery, County, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	23 16 8
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee and by them burnt, — — — — —	£	23	15 6		
By his Commissions at 5s. per Cent,		0	1 2		
				£	23 16 8

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining in his Hands 26th September, 1774, — — — — — — — —	£	2,682	13 7½		
To Cash received of James Gibbons, Chester County, — — — — — — —		89	0 7		
of Michael Swoope, — — — — — York, — — — — — — — — —		56	11 0		
of John Montgomery — — — — Cumberland, — — — — — — — —		6	15 9		
of Alexander Hunter — — — — Northumberland, — — — — —		68	2 3		
				£	2,903 3 2½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, — —	£	2,895	18 5½		
By his Commissions at 5s. per Cent,		7	4 9		
				£	2,903 3 2½

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining in his Hands 26th September, 1774, — — — — — —	£	12,839	9 5		
To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Philadelphia County, — — — — — —		5,411	2 8½		
of Joseph Chapman — — — — — Bucks, — — — — — — — — —		500	2 3		
of James Gibbons — — — — — Chester, — — — — — — — — —		1,292	1 2		
of Christian Wertz — — — — — Lancaster, — — — — — — — —		1,137	8 2		
of Michael Swoope — — — — — York, — — — — — — — — — —		572	15 0		
of John Montgomery — — — — Cumberland, — — — — — — — —		219	0 0		
of Christopher Witman, — — — Berks, — — — — — — — — —		100	0 9		
of Herman Sneider — — — — — Northampton, — — — — — — —		239	7 9½		
of Alexander Hunter — — — — Northumberland, — — — — —		69	11 4		
				£	22,380 18 7
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, — — —	£	11,881	13 9½		
By his Commissions at 5s. per Cent,		29	14 0½		
Balance in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law, — — —		10,469	10 9		
				£	22,380 18 7

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes Philadelphia County, — — — —	£	4,016	7	4	
of Joseph Chapman — — — — Bucks, — — — — — — — —		1,509	18	9	
of James Gibbons — — — — Chester, — — — — — — —		0	0	0	
of Michael Diffenderfer, late Treasurer for Lancaster County, what he received of James Webb, junior, in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed the 21st March, 1772, — — — — — — — —		87	5	5	
of Christian Wertz, the present Treasurer of Lancaster County, — — — — — — — —		2,557	1	0	
of ditto since his Settlement with the Committee, — — —		250	0	0	
of Michael Swoope — — — — York, — — — — — — —		905	0	9	
of John Montgomery — — — Cumberland, — — — — — —		266	10	8	
of Christopher Witman — — — Berks, — — — — — — —		1,545	0	0	
of Herman Sneider — — — — Northampton, — — — — —		1,026	3	8	
of — — — — — — Bedford, — — — — — — —		0	0	0	
of Alexander Hunter — — — Northumberland, — — — —		59	7	0	
of — — — — — Westmoreland, — — — —		0	0	0	
					£12,222 14 7
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —		Cr.			
Remains in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit in order to be sunk according to Law, — — — — — — — — — — —					£12,222 14 7

On Account of the Honourable Proprietaries Taxes, Dr.

TO Cash received of Edmund Physick, Esq; — — — —					£ 621 0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — —		Cr.			
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, — — — — —	£	619	9	0	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent, —		1	11	0	
					£ 621 0 0

On Account of the £5,000 appropriated for defraying *Indian* Treaties per Act passed 14th *May*, 1762, Dr.

TO Balance of this Account as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	331	12	3
Which Sum still remains in his Hands.				

On Account of the Act for appropriating £5,000 to purchase Ground adjoining the State-House Lots, passed 14th *May*, 1762, Dr.

TO Balance of this Account as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	998	10	8
Which still remains in his Hands.				

On Account of the Act for raising £25,000 for the Support of Government, passed 21st *March*, 1772, Dr.

TO Balance of Account settled by the Committee 26th September, 1774, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 5,623 3 9

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid the following Certificates and Orders, viz.

1774.

Sept.

28. David Rittenhouse per Order of the trustees of the Loan-Office, — £ 60 0 0
29. Arthur St. Clair Presents to the Indians — — — — — — — — — 81 5 9
William Thompson, Esq; — — — 15 5 1
William Thompson, Esq; Provisions for the Indians, — — — — — 30 13 4
William Thompson, Esq; Pay for the Rangers, — — — — — — 682 19 2
30. William M'Clay, Indian Expences, 10 10 0
Michael Hillegas, Esq; Cash advanced, — — — — — — — — 2 5 0
The same for Indian Expences, — 4 17 0
The same for Services on Committee of Accounts, — — — 12 0 0
The same for Extra Services, — 75 0 0
Charles Moore, Clerk of Assembly, — — — — — — — — 175 3 6
Samuel Ridley, Glazing State-House Windows, — — — — — — 7 16 0
Isaac Pearson, Esq; Services on Accounts, — — — — — — — 11 10 0
The Honourable John Penn, Esq; 400 0 0
Joseph Shippen, Esq; Clerk of the Council, — — — — — — — 30 0 0
Ditto, — for Warrants, Proclamations, &c. — — — — — — — 26 0 3
Ditto, — for Postage of Letters, 8 5 5
Andrew M'Nair, Door-keeper, — 18 15 10
Ditto, — Indian Expences, — — 3 10 4

Oct.

1. Daniel Evans, for Smiths Work, — — — — — — — — — 0 7 6
John Morton, Esq; Assistant Judge, — — — — — — — — — 100 0 0
Ditto, — Service as Provincial Commissioner, — — — — — — 15 0 0
Samuel Taylor, for Binding the Votes, — — — — — — — — — 51 8 3
Daniel Richards, for Sundries at the State-House, — — — — 2 3 0

Oct.

3. Samuel Rhoads, Esq; Services on the Committee of Accounts, — 9 10 0
Ditto, — his Account for Disbursements, — — — — — — — — — 1 11 4
Benjamin Loxley, for unspiking the Cannon, &c. — — — — — — 219 11 5½
Matthew Clarkson, Clerk to the Provincial Commissioners, — — 4 18 3
Ditto, — for examining the Tax-Books, — — — — — — — — — 12 19 6
5. Joseph Fox, Esq; for Expences at the Barracks, — — — — — — 160 16 8
Ditto, — his Salary as Barrack-Master, — — — — — — — — — 60 0 0
Thomas Morris, for mending State-House Windows, — — — — — — 1 5 0
Abel Evans, Assistant-Clerk to the House, — — — — — — — — — 30 0 0

Carried forward — — — — — — — £ 2,325 7 7½

Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£	2,325	7	7½	
6. William Sheed, Door-keeper to the Council, — — — — — — — — —		4	7	6	
To Ditto, Serjeant of Arms, — —		10	0	0	
7. William Parr, Esq; Keeper of the Rolls, — — — — — — — — — —		9	7	1	
William Allen and Benjamin Chew, Esquires, Chief Judges, — —		400	0	0	
Andrew Allen, Esq; Attorney General, — — — — — — — — — —		75	0	0	
Hall and Sellers, for Printing, —		26	4	6	
Estate of David Hall for Stationary, — — — — — — — — — —		5	7	0	
9. Edward Duffield, for his Care of the State-House Clock, &c. —		20	15	0	
15. Benjamin Chapman, Esq; his services on the Committee of Accounts, — — — — — — — —		8	10	0	
18. Evan Peters for repairing Pumps at the State-House, — — — —		0	12	6	
Benjamin Franklin, Esq; the Remainder of his Certificate of £500 Sterling, — — — — —		145	19	8½	
21. Overseers of the Poor for the French Neutrals, — — — — —		100	0	0	
Hall and Sellers per Order of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, —		300	10	0	
25. Henry Miller, for Printing the 4th Volumn (sic) of the Votes, —		483	15	0	
Ditto, — for Votes, Advertisements, &c. — — — — — — — —		76	2	6	
William Bausman, Barrack-Master at Lancaster, — — — — — —		20	0	0	
Ditto, — for Disbursements, —		6	6	6	
29. George Dunlap, for paving round the Pumps, — — — — — —		2	5	0	
Nov.					
2. Samuel Miles, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts, — — — — — — — — —		9	10	0	
Dr. William Kennersly, for curing John Hendricks, an Indian, —		10	0	0	
3. Thomas Mifflin, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts, — — — — — — — — —		2	0	0	
9. William Murdock, for lodging John Hendricks, — — — — — — —		6	15	0	
Reuben Haines, for Sundries bought for John Hendricks, —		0	16	11	
15. Thomas Willing, Esq; the Judges Expences on the Circuit, — —		17	12	3	
22. John Lawrence, Esq; Assistant-Judge, — — — — — — — — —		200	0	0	
Dec.					
24. Thomas Willing, Esq; Assistant-Judge, — — — — — — — — —		200	0	0	
27. William Thompson, Esq; on Account of the Rangers, — — —		1,141	19	6½	
	£	5,609	3	7½	
His Commissions at 5s. per Cent, — — — — — — — — —		14	0	1½	
					£ 5,623 3 9

On Account of the £12,000 struck for the Use of the Light-house, building Piers, *&c.* per Act passed the 26th *February*, 1773, Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	40	10	0

CONTRA		Cr.					
By Cash paid Peter Reeve per Order of the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia,	£	40	6	0			
Provincial Treasurers Commissions at 10s. per Cent,		0	4	0			
					£	40	10 0

On Account of the £6,000 struck for the building Piers, *&c.* as per Act passed the 18th *March*, 1775, Dr.

TO Bills of Credit struck in Pursuance of the said Act, and paid to him by Michael Hillegas, Esq;					£	6,000	0 0
CONTRA		Cr.					
By Cash paid Peter Reeve at sundry Times per Orders of the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia,	£	5,200	0	0			
Provincial Treasurer's Commissions, at 10s. per Cent,		26	0	0			
Balance due to the Province,		774	0	0			
					£	6,000	0 0

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, we find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, the following Balances, viz.

On Account of the Province Island,	£	99	11	8	
On Account of the £ 24,000, granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763,		219	14	3	
On Account of Duties on Tonnage of Ships, for the Support of the Lighthouse,		300	15	1	
On Account of the Excise on Spirituous Liquors, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk, burnt and destroyed according to Law,		3,217	7	2	
On Account of the Seventeenth Eighteenpenny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law,		10,469	10	9	
On Account of the 18th Eighteenpenny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law.		12,222	14	7	
On Account of the £ 5,000 appropriated for Indian Treaties,		331	12	3	
On Account of the £ 5,000 appropriated for purchasing Ground adjoining the State-House Lots,		998	10	8	
On Account of the £ 6,000 struck for building Piers, &c. per Act passed 18th March, 1775,		774	0	0	
					£28,633 16 5

Which Sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Five-pence the Provincial Treasurer produced to us in Gold and Silver, and Paper Bills of Credit of this and the neighboring Governments.

WE have received of the Treasurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit, Part of the £ 14,000 issued per Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, the Sum of — £ 828 19 10
Which Sum we have burnt and destroyed according to Law.

WE have likewise received of the Treasurer appointed by the Commissioners elected by Virtue of the Act passed in the 9th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled *"An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleaning the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, &c. of the City of* Philadelphia," in Part of the £ 8,000 formerly lent the City, the Sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings in the proper Bills of Credit issued in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly, passed 9th March, 1771, which Sum of £ 292 15 0 we have burnt and destroyed according to Law, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 292 15 0

THE Amount of the Paper Bills, burnt and destroyed by the Committee of Assembly this Year, is £24,113 17 11, viz.

On Account of the Quotas received of Samuel Preston Moore, on the Old Mortgages in his Hands on Behalf of the late Trustees of the Loan-Office,		£ 484 10 0	
On Account of the Provincial Taxes, viz.			
On the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries, — — — — —	£ 619 9 0		
On Negro Duty, — —	66 12 11		
On the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, — —	119 10 4		
On the Fifteenth —— ditto, — — — — —	23 15 6		
On the Sixteenth —— ditto, — — — — —	2,895 18 5½		
On the Seventeenth —— ditto, — — — — —	11,881 13 9½		
		15,607 0 0	
On Excise, as follows, viz.			
Of the £ 20,000 issued per Act passed May 20, 1767, — — — —	£ 424 0 0		
Of the £ 16,000 issued per Act passed February 18, 1769, — — —	867 0 0		
Of the £ 7,000 Part of the £15,000 issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, — — — —	365 11 3		
Of the £25,000 issued per Act passed March 21, 1772, — — — —	2,786 3 10		
		4,442 15 1	
On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships of the Bills issued per Acts, passed 26th February, 1773 and March 18th, 1775, — — — — —		2,457 18 0	
On Account of the £ 14,000 for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, per Act passed February 18, 1769, of that Emission, — — — — — — — —		828 19 10	
Carried forward — — — — — — —		£23,821 2 11	

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£23,821 2 11	
On Account of the £ 8,000, Part of the £15,000 issued per Act of Assembly passed 9th March 1771, in Bills of Credit of that Emission, received of the Treasurer appointed by the Street Commissioners of the City of Philadelphia, — — — — — — — —	292 15 0	£24,113 17 11

DEBTS OUTSTANDING, *due to the Province.*

On Account of the *Provincial Taxes*, viz.

From Philadelphia County on the 17th Eighteen-penny Tax,	£ 309 5 3¼		
on the 18th — ditto,	7,550 15 9¾		
		£ 7,860 1 1	
Bucks — on the 17th ditto, — — — —	£ 28 11 10½		
on the 18th — ditto,	525 12 1		
		554 3 11½	
Chester — on the 16th ditto, — — — —	£ 19 17 4		
on the 17th — ditto,	500 13 1		
on the 18th — ditto,	3,480 13 4½		
		4,001 3 9½	
Lancaster — on the 18th — ditto, — — — — — —		2,073 9 11	
York — on the 12th ditto, — — — —	£ 60 10 4		
on Estates of Non-Residents, — — —	340 11 6½		
on the 18th Eighteen-penny Tax, — —	1,869 2 2		
		2,270 4 0½	
Cumberland — on the 10th, 11th and 12th ditto, — — — —	£ 243 0 6¾		
on the 13th — ditto,	264 16 7		
on the 14th — ditto,	177 7 3½		
on the 15th — ditto,	259 15 0		
on the 16th — ditto,	366 19 11		
on the 17th — ditto,	531 13 4		
on the 18th — ditto,	2,333 13 8		
		4,177 6 4¼	
Berks — on the 18th ditto, — — — — —		885 10 7	
Northampton — on the 18th — ditto, — —		318 3 3½	
Bedford — on the 15th — ditto, — —	£ 601 6 5½		
on the 16th — ditto,	271 14 0		
on the 17th — ditto,	331 7 5		
so far for Bedford County as per last Years Report, — — — — — —		1,204 7 10½	
on the 18th Eighteen-penny Tax not brought in.			
Northumberland on the 16th — ditto,	£ 654 7 10		
on the 17th — ditto,	982 16 8½		
on the 18th — ditto,	1,531 1 11		
		3,168 6 5½	
Westmoreland — on the 17th and 18th Eighteen-penny Taxes not brought in.			
The Honourable the PROPRIETARIES (exclusive of their Taxes in several Counties not brought in) — — — —		1,944 12 11¼	
Carried forward — — — — — — — — — — — —			£28,457 10 3½

On Account of Excise, *viz.*

Brought forward — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£28,457	10 3½
From the Estate of Joseph Stretch, late Collector of Philadelphia County, —	£	320	12 7½		
of William Crispin, Collector of ditto,		580	15 11		
of Thomas Tucker, Collector of Chester, — — — — — — — — — — — —		279	3 8		
of Sebastian Graff, Collector of Lancaster, — — — — — — — — — —		454	8 8		
of Henry Miller, Collector for York County not settled.					
the Estate of Thomas Beard, deceased, late Collector of Cumberland County, not settled.					
the Estate of Jasper Scull late Collector of Berks, — — — — — — —		185	10 2		
John Biddle, present Collector of Berks County, (besides the present Year's Excise not accounted for)		114	7 1		
Jesse Jones, Collector for Northampton County, — — — — — — — —		17	7 2		
Thomas Urie, Collector for Bedford County, not settled.					
the Estate of Thomas Lemon, late Collector for Northumberland County, not settled.					
Alexander Hunter, present Collector for ditto, not settled.					
James Kinkead, Collector for Westmoreland County, not settled.					
				1,902	5 3½
Also					
From the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, — — — — — — — — —	£	4,800	11 5½		
Samuel Penrose, Rent of the Province Island, — — — — — — — — —		602	13 8		
Thomas Coombe on Account of Negro Duty, not settled, — — — — — — — — — — — —				5,403	5 1½
Besides the following Debts reported by former Committees, viz.					
From the Commissioners appointed by Law for clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill, — — —	£	22	0 7½		
the Estate of Richard Pearne, — —		1,818	5 11		
the Commissioners of the Indian Trade, not settled.				1,840	6 6½
				£37,603	7 3

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the House, by September 29, 1775.

MICHAEL HILLEGAS, BENJAMIN CHAPMAN,
GEORGE GRAY, ISAAC PEARSON."

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 30, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to hear the Petitioners from *Chester* County, complaining of the Hardships they are likely to be subjected to by a Road laid out, and, a Resurvey of the said Road made by Order of the Governor and Council through the said County, reported they had heard the Parties concerned, and are of Opinion, that many of the Petitioners have

just Cause of Complaint;—that as Matters now stand, in some Places two Roads within a few Rods run nearly parallel to, and sometimes intersect each other through several Plantations, that the Owners of these Plantations are thereby Sufferers, and the Inhabitants of the Townships subjected to Suits for not supporting two Roads, one of which the Committee apprehend, will be found unnecessary, and therefore ought to be vacated and made void.

Submitted to the House by

WILL. RODMAN, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
BENJ. CHAPMAN, CHARLES THOMSON,
WILL. EDMONDS, JOHN BROWN."

September 29, 1775.

Mr. *Hillegas* presented at the Table an Account of Expences incurred by making some late Repairs to the Banks of Deep Water Island, amounting to £45 4 1½, which being examined by the House, was allowed, and a Certificate drawn by Order, for the Payment thereof.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Memorial from the Committee of Safety, and after some Time spent therein, recommended the same to the serious Attention of the succeeding Assembly.

The Petition from *John Patterson*, of *Philadelphia*, Grocer, was again read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House taking into Consideration the several Letters sent down Yesterday by the Governor, acquainting him with the Intrusion of a Number of People into this Province, under a pretended Claim of the Colony of *Connecticut*, to the great Annoyance of the good People of this Province.

Resolved, That the Delegates for this Province be specially directed to lay the same before the Congress, with the mischievous Tendency the pursuing such Measures will have, and procure the Aid of that Assembly to quiet the Minds of the good People of this Province, and prevent further Intrusion or Extension of Settlements under the said Claim, until the Matter shall be determined by the King and Council, to whom both Sides have submitted the Dispute.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Parker* wait on the Governor, and request to know at what Hour To-Day the House shall attend his Honour to enact the said Bill into a Law.

The House then taking into Consideration the Governor's Support,

Resolved, That the additional Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, for his Support for the past Year.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being made out accordingly, was signed by the Speaker, to be presented to his Honour when the House shall wait on him with the Bill to be passed.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that his Honour was pleased to say, he would be in the Council-Chamber immediately, to pass the Bill that has been agreed upon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Parker* do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bill, after the same shall be passed into a Law, and deposite the said Law in the Rolls Office.

A MESSAGE *by* Mr. *Secretary*.

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House, to enact into a Law the Bill to which he has given his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor, and presented a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and the Payment of the public Debts*," to which his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent, by enacting the same into a Law. The Speaker also reported that he had presented to his Honour the Certificate of the House for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for which he was pleased to say he was obliged to the House.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Law just passed, and to deposite the same in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service, according to Order.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Memorial of *Samuel Preston Moore*, Esq; and after some Debate thereon,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Forty Pounds per Annum*, for Four Years last past, be allowed to the said *Samuel Preston Moore*, for his Care and Trouble in managing the Affairs of the late Loan-Office of this Province.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to issue his Proclamation, offering the Reward of *Fifty Pounds*, for apprehending and securing in some Gaol of this Province, a certain *Flemming Elliott*, charged with the Murder of *John Faughnar*, late of *Chester* County, Pedlar, to be paid upon the Conviction of the said *Elliott*.

The House then taking into Consideration the Service of the Deputies for this Province in Congress,

Resolved, That the said Deputies be allowed each the Sum of *Twenty Shillings per Diem* for their Attendance on that Service. And a Certificate to *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; for £ 91 15 0; to *Thomas Willing*, Esq; for £ 74 15 0; to *John Morton*, Esq; for £ 59 15 0; to *Charles Humphreys*, Esq; for £ 85 15 0; to *George Ross*, Esq; for £ 62 15 0; and to *James Wilson*, Esq; for £ 30 15 0; being made out at the Table, by Order of the House, the same were signed by the Speaker, to be delivered to the said Gentlemen respectively.

The Clerk produced at the Table, pursuant to the Order of the House, sundry Copies of Petitions to the King, Lords and Commons, and of an Address to his Majesty, presented by the different Houses of Assembly of this Province since the Year 1763, dated respectively as follows, *viz.* A Petition to the House of Commons, *January* 14, 1766; an Address of Thanks to the King, *June* 6, 1766; a Petition to the King, *September* 22, 1768; another to the House of Lords, of the same Date; another to the House of Commons, of the same Date; and another to his Majesty, *March* 5, 1771;—which several Copies were committed to the Care of *Benjamin Franklin*, Esquire, to be sent to *England* by the first Opportunity.

The House resumed the Consideration of the List of incidental Expences, reported by the Committee, and the Accounts therein referred to, being allowed, Mr. Speaker, in the Chair, signed the several Certificates and Orders for Payment of the Wages of the Members and Committees, together with the Salaries of public Officers, and other contingent Charges of the past Year.

The House then rose.

INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1775.

TO the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief, &c. — — — — —£	1,000	0	0
To Ditto, for Disbursements as per Account, —	35	11	11

To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; late Agent for this Province in *London*, £ 260 13 4 Sterling Exchange at 70 per Cent Advance, — — —	453	6	8
To *Benjamin Chew*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Province, — — — — — — — — — — — —	400	0	0
To *John Lawrence*, Esq; one of the Assistant Judges of Ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	200	0	0
To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; Ditto of Ditto, — —	200	0	0
To *John Morton*, Esq; Ditto of Ditto, — — —	200	0	0
To *Andrew Allen*, Esq; his Salary as Attorney General of Ditto, — — — — — — — — —	75	0	0
To *Thomas Mifflin*, Esq; for one Day on the Committee of public Accounts, — — — —	0	10	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for his Service on Ditto—21 Days at 10s. per Diem, — — — —	10	10	0
To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for Ditto on Ditto—21 Days at Ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	10	10	0
To *George Gray*, Esq; for Ditto on Ditto—21 Days at Ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	10	10	0
To *Benjamin Chapman*, Esq; for Ditto on Ditto —18 Days at Ditto, — — — — — — — — —	9	0	0
To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; for Ditto on Ditto— 5 Days at Ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	2	10	0
To *Charles Moore*, Esq; for his Attendance as Clerk of the House and for transcribing and engrossing Bills, Messages, *&c. &c. &c.* — —	200	2	6
To Mr. *Abel Evans*, for his Services as Assistant Clerk, — — — — — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
To *Joseph Shippen*, Esq; for his Salary as Clerk of the Council, — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
To Ditto, for his Accounts of Postage of Public Letters, — — — — — — — — — — — —	12	14	4
To Ditto, for Stationery for the Governor and for Proclamations, *&c. &c.* — — — — — —	18	3	0
To Mr. *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the State-House Clock Six Months, — — — —	10	0	0
To Mr. *David Rittenhouse*, for Ditto Half a Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10	0	0
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; his Salary as Barrack Master at *Philadelphia*, — — — — — — —	20	0	0
To Ditto, as per Account delivered, — — — —	3	0	9
To Mr. *William Bowsman*, as Barrack Master at *Lancaster*, — — — — — — — — — — —	7	0	0

To Ditto as per Account delivered, — — — —	3	9	0
To *Edmund Physick*, Esq; as Keeper of the Great Seal, — — — — — — — — — — —	12	6	0
To *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls Office——Account not brought in, — — — —	0	0	0
To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for Printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c.* as per Account, — — —	124	1	0
To the Estate of *David Hall*, deceased, as per Account, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	7	17	0
To Mr. *William Sheed*, as Serjeant at Arms to the House, — — — — — — — — — — — —	10	0	0
To Ditto, as Door-Keeper to the Council—30 Meetings at 2*s*6 — —— — — — — — — —	3	15	0
To Mr. *Andrew M'Nair*, as Door-Keeper to the House and for Disbursements, — — — — —	25	9	7
To Mr. *Henry Miller*, for Printing Votes, *&c. &c.* as per Account, — — — — — — — — —	317	12	6
To Messrs. *Hugh* and *George Roberts*, as per Account, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	2	2	8
To Mr. *Israel Pemberton*, his Account for *Indian* Expences, — — — — — — — — — —	10	10	9
To the Committee appointed to view the River *Schuylkill*, — — — — — — — — — — — —	9	0	0
To Mr. *Joseph Ogden*, for Expences of Committee viewing Ditto, — — — — — — — — —	1	0	5
To Mr. *Jacob Myers*, for his Attendance and Draughts of Bridges for the said River, —	15	0	0
To Mr. *Samuel Taylor*, for Book-Binding for the House, — — — — — — — — — — — —	50	12	0
To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, — — — — — — — — — — — —	100	0	0
To Mr. *Arthur Donaldson*, for his Machine for cleansing Docks, *&c.* — — — — — — — — —	100	0	0
To Mr. John Reed, for his Map of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, — — — — —	25	0	0
To Mr. *Richard Mason*, for unspiking Cannon,	16	7	6
To *William Thompson*, Esq; for the Payment of the Troops raised by Government for the Defence of the Frontiers, — — — — — —	759	1	7
To Ditto for his Services as Paymaster of the said Troops, — — — — — — — — — — — —	60	0	0
To *William Dewees*, Esq; as per Account, — —	16	9	0

To Mr. *John Palmer's* Account of Expences for the *Schuylkill* Committee, — — — — — —	8	7	7
To Mr. *Caleb Parrey*, for Ditto, for Ditto, — —	4	1	0
To Mr. *Thomas Shute's* Account for Repairs at the State-House, — — — — — — — — — —	34	15	4
To Mr. *John Reed*, as per Account, — — — —	15	1	6
To Messieurs *Hugh* and *George Roberts*, as per Account, — — — — — — — — — — — —	4	17	9
To *John Morton*, Esq; Cash paid for Postage of Letters, — — — — — — — — — — —	0	7	6
To Mr. *Thomas Dewees*, for apprehending *Andrew Stewart*, — — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
To the Committee of Assembly appointed to settle the Accounts of the Rangers, — — —	20	0	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for Extra Services,	75	0	0
To Ditto for Disbursements for repairing the Banks of Deep *Water Island*, — — — — —	45	4	1
£	4,855	17	11

WE the Committee for incidental Expences have examined the several Accounts herein referred to, and find them charged as usual.

Philadelphia,
September 26, 1775.

JOSEPH PARKER, ANTHONY WAYNE,
WILLIAM RODMAN, JOHN MONTGOMERY."
BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW,

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1775, *P. M.*

October 14, 1775.

BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the several Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to serve in Assembly as Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, for the ensuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*

John Dickinson,
Michael Hillegas,
George Gray,
Thomas Potts,
Samuel Miles,
Joseph Parker,
Robert Morris,
Jonathan Roberts.

For the County of *Lancaster.*

Curtis Grubb,
Matthias Slough,
George Ross,
James Webb.

For the County of *York.*

James Ewing,
Michael Swoope.

For the City of *Philadelphia*.
Benjamin Franklin,
Thomas Mifflin.

For the County of *Cumberland*.
William Allen,
John Montgomery.

For the County of *Bucks*.
William Rodman,
John Heany,
Gerardus Wynkoop,
John Foulke,
Benjamin Chapman,
David Twining,
John Brown,
Thomas Jenks.

For the County of *Berks*.
Edward Biddle,
Henry Chreist.

For the County of *Northampton*.
Peter Kachlein,
George Taylor.

For the County of *Chester*.
John Morton,
Benjamin Bartholomew,
James Gibbons,
Isaac Pearson,
John Jacobs,
Charles Humphreys,
Joseph Pennock,
Joseph Pyle,

For the County of *Bedford*.
Bernhard Dougherty.

For the County of *Northumberland*.
Samuel Hunter.

For the County of *Westmoreland*.
William Thompson.

A Majority of the above Gentlemen met this Day, pursuant to Charter and the Laws of the Province, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to *Monday* next at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

October 16, 1775.

A Quorum of the Representatives being met, proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of the Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *John Morton*, Esq; was unanimously chosen Speaker of the House, for the ensuing Year, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholmew*, Mr. *Grubb*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Kachlein* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that pursuant to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Representatives, being met, have proceeded to chuse a Speaker for the ensuing Year, and request to know at what Hour To-morrow his Honour will be pleased to receive the House, that they may present their Speaker for his Approbation.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 17, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would be in the Council-Chamber at Ten o'Clock this Morning to receive the House with their Speaker.

A Message *by Mr. Secretary.*

"SIR,

"The Governor is at the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House with their Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair and reported, that the House had waited on his Honour and presented their Speaker, of whom the Governor had been pleased to approve, and that the Speaker had then in the Name and on Behalf of the House claimed their usual Privileges, *viz.*

First, That the Members of the House during their Sitting may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propositions and Debates.

Secondly, That they may at all seasonable Times have free Access to the Governor the better to enable them to discharge the Business of the Public.

Thirdly, That their Persons and Estates may be free from all Manner of Arrests, Molestations and Injuries during the Time of accustomed Privilege.

Fourthly, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the House, until the same shall be passed into Resolves, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

Fifthly, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be excused and not imputed to the House, but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charter of the said Province; and that the Governor was pleased to say, "They were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, in which they might rely on his Protection."

The Qualification by Law appointed to be taken by Members of Assembly, and the Test of Abjuration being prepared

were then taken and subscribed first by the Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards by the Members present in their Order

The House then proceeding as usual to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the ensuing Year,

Resolved, That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk of this House, for the ensuing Year, and he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

Resolved, That *Abel Evans* be, and he is hereby appointed assistant Clerk to the House, for the ensuing Year, and he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

Resolved, That *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby appointed Sergeant at Arms to this House for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Door-keeper to this House for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson*, with the Speaker be a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Twining*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Kachlein* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee of Grievances for the ensuing Year; and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records as Occasions require.

Resolved, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office of this Province, and other public Accounts of the ensuing Year; and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Records and Papers by the Serjeant at Arms to this House, in order that the said Accounts be fully adjusted and made ready to be laid before the House on the first Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of this House be printed and published weekly, being first revised by the Committee to be appointed for that Purpose; and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Persons, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

Resolved, That if any four Members, upon the Decision of a Question, shall desire to have the Yeas and Nays, with the Names of the Members, entered on the Journals of the House, it shall be allowed.

Resolved, That *Joseph Fox*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *William Bowsman*, of the Borough of *Lancaster* be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the said Borough for the ensuing Year.

A Petition from *Owen Biddle*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he has been informed the House has an Intention of appointing a new Provincial Treasurer, and praying that in Case they should not think proper to continue the late Treasurer, the Petitioner may be appointed to the said Office.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Michael Hahn*, of the Town of *York*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Collector of Excise for the County of *York*, in the Place of *Henry Miller*, the late Officer, now absent in the Continental Service at *Boston*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeding in the Appointment of their Officers,

Resolved, That *William Crispin*, of the City of *Philadelphia* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Philadelphia*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *John Woolston* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Bucks* for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Thomas Tucker* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Chester*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Sebastian Graff* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Lancaster*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Michael Hahn* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *York*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Thomas Beard* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Cumberland*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *John Biddle* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Berks*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Jesse Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Northampton*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Robert Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Bedford*, for the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That *Alexander Hunter* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Northumberland*, for the ensuing Year.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 18, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Gibbons* this Day appearing was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to state an Account of the several Grants made by this Province to the Crown from the Year 1755 to the Year 1764, inclusive, which were to be sunk by Taxes, *&c.* and report the Balances outstanding, with those in the Hands of the Treasurer, that the House may be ascertained of the Sum yet to be raised to complete the said Grants.

A Motion being made and seconded for re-appointing the Committee of Safety, with an Addition of some new Members, the said Motion was referred for Consideration till To-morrow Morning.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to examine the Laws of this Province, and report such to the House as are expired or near expiring, together with the several Matters recommended over by the late Assembly to the Consideration of this House.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *Owen Biddle* for the Office of Provincial Treasurer, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Resolved, That *Owen Jones*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of the Province for the ensuing Year.

A Member presented at the Table a Letter from the Continental Congress to the Committee of Safety for this Province, inclosing, certain Resolves of the said Congress passed the Ninth and Twelfth of this Instant, which were read by Order, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN, *Congress Chamber, October* 12, 1775.

THE present Situation of Affairs renders it absolutely necessary in the Opinion of the Congress for the Protection of our Liberties and Safety of our Lives to raise several new Battalions, and therefore the Congress have come into the

inclosed Resolutions, which I am ordered to transmit to you.

The Congress have the firmest Confidence, that from your experienced Zeal in this great Cause, you will exert your utmost Endeavours to carry into Execution the said Resolutions, and raise the Battalion recommended to be raised with all possible Expedition.

The Commissions I will fill up with the Names of the Persons you determine upon, immediately on the Receipt of the List. I am, *Gentlemen*,

Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN HANCOCK,
President.

To the Gentlemen *of the Committee of Safety for* Pennsylvania.

In CONGRESS, *Monday, October* 9, 1775.

On Motion made,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Convention of *New-Jersey*, that they immediately raise at the Expence of the Continent, two Battalions consisting of Eight Companies each, and each Company of Sixty-eight Privates, and officered with One Captain, One Lieutenant, One Ensign, Four Serjeants and Four Corporals.

That the Privates be enlisted for a Year, at the Rate of Five Dollars per Calender Month, liable to be discharged at any Time on allowing them one Month's Pay extraordinary.

That each of the Privates be allowed, instead of a Bounty, a Felt Hat, a Pair of Shoes and a Pair of Yarn Stockings; the Men to find their own Arms.

That the Pay of the Officers for the present, be the same as that of the Officers in the present Continental Army, and in Case the Pay of the Officers is augmented, the Pay of the Officers in these Battalions shall in like Manner be augmented from the Time of their engaging in the Service.

October 12, 1775.

Resolved, That each Captain and other commissioned Officer, while in the recruiting Service of this Continent, or on their March to join the Army, shall be allowed Two Dollars and Two Thirds of a Dollar per Week for their Subsistance; and that the Men, who enlist shall each of them, whilst in Quarters, be allowed One Dollar per Week, and One Dollar and One Third of a Dollar when on their March to join the Army for the same Purpose.

That the President transmit to the Convention of *New-Jersey* blank Commissions to be filled up by the said Con-

vention to the Captains and Subaltern Officers in the said two Battalions, and that the Appointment of the Field-Officers be for the present suspended until the Congress shall take Order on that Matter.

The Form of the Enlistment to be in the following Words, *viz.*

"I———————— have this Day voluntarily enlisted myself as a Soldier in the *American* Continental Army for one Year, unless sooner discharged, and do bind myself to conform in all Instances to such Rules and Regulations as are or shall be established for the Government of the said Army."

Resolved, That a similar Recommendation issue to the Assembly or Committee of Safety of *Pennsylvania* to raise one Battalion on the same Terms as those ordered to be raised in *New-Jersey*, and to be officered in like Manner.

Resolved, That the Men enlisted be furnished with a Hunting Shirt not exceeding in Value *One Dollar* and *One Third of a Dollar*, and a Blanket, provided these can be procured, but not to be made Part of the Terms of Enlistment.

A Copy from the Minutes,

CHARLES THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

By Order of the Congress,

JOHN HANCOCK, *President.*"

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Representation and Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Manufacture of Saltpetre has been attempted under the Patronage of the said Committee, and that it is now at a Stand for the Want of a sufficient Fund to carry it on;—that the Petitioners, being sensible of the vast Importance of this Article to the Province of *Pennsylvania*, and the Colonies in general, beg Leave to recommend to the Honourable House to take the said Manufacture under their Patronage.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *George Jacob Housman*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That one Dozen and an half of *Windsor* Chairs be immediately procured for the Use of the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Rules of the House for regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members were read, as usual, and agreed to be observed, with the following additional Resolves, *viz.*

Resolved, That every Member absent upon any Meeting of the House, shall be liable to be sent for by the Members present, at the Expence of such absent Member.

Resolved, That every Member who shall absent himself from the Service of the House, without Leave from the Speaker for so doing, shall be subject to a Fine of *Five Shillings* for every Day's Absence, unless such Member can assign to the House a satisfactory Reason for the same.

Resolved, That such Members as do not appear at the Place of Meeting within half an Hour after the Time appointed in the Fore- and Afternoon, shall pay *One Shilling;* but if a Quorum be not present at the same Time, then each absent Member shall pay *Two Shillings*; and *Eighteen-pence* for every Hour's Absence after; unless he can shew Cause to the Satisfaction of the House, which shall be determined by an immediate Vote.

Resolved, upon the Question,

That Mr. *Swoope* be, and he is hereby appointed to demand and collect all Fines incurred by any Breach of the said Rules, for the Use of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 19, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine the Laws of the Province, with the Minutes of the late Assembly, and report such of the Laws as are expired, or near expiring, together with the several Matters recommended by that Assembly to the Consideration of this House, reported, that upon Inspection of the said Minutes, they find the late Assembly left unfinished and referred to their Successors the several Matters following, *viz.*

THE respective Cases of *Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, Alexander Stewart, Richard Ray, Francis Owens and James Mackey*, insolvent Debtors.

The Petition from the Board of Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Chester*.

Two Memorials from the Officers of the military Association of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*.

The Memorial from the Committee of Safety.

And that, upon examining the Laws of the Province, it appears to the Committee that the Act, entituled, "*An Act for*

punishing wicked and evil-disposed Persons going armed in Disguise, &c." passed *February* the 24th, 1770, was limited to Five Years, and from thence to the next Sitting of Assembly.

"*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," passed *March* 9, 1771, limited to Five Years, and from thence to the next Sitting of Assembly.

"*An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch*, &c." passed *March* the 9th, 1771, limited to Five Years, and from thence to the next Sitting of Assembly.

Submitted to the House by
October 19, 1775.

SAMUEL MILES, ISAAC PEARSON,
JOSEPH PARKER, BARNARD DOUGHERTY."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report, the Memorial and Estimate from the Committee of Safety, with the two Memorials from the Officers of the military Association of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, were read by Order, and after some Debate, referred to further Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Letter and Resolves from the Continental Congress presented at the Table Yesterday by a Member of the Committee of Safety, respecting the Appointment of Officers for the new Battalion proposed to be raised in this Province for the General Service, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That this House will on *Wednesday* next, the 25th Instant, receive the Applications of such Persons as shall offer themselves for Commissions in the said Battalion.

Pursuant to the Resolution of Yesterday, the House took into Consideration the Motion for a Re-appointment of the present Committee of Safety, with the Addition of some new Members, and approving the Persons proposed,

Resolved, That *Benjamin Franklin*, *John Dickinson*, *George Gray*, *Samuel Miles*, *Robert Morris*, *Benjamin Bartholomew*, *George Ross*, *Michael Swoope*, *John Montgomery*, *Edward Biddle*, *George Taylor*, *Barnard Dougherty*, *Samuel Hunter*, *Daniel Roberdeau*, *John Cadwalader*, *Andrew Allen*, *Joseph Read*, *Owen Biddle*, *Henry Wynkoop*, *Anthony Wayne*, *Francis Johnston*, *Richard Reily*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, *Samuel Morris*, jun. *Thomas Wharton*, jun. *Robert White*, *George Clymer*, *Samuel Howell*, Merchant, *Alexander Wilcox*, *John Nixon*, *James Meas* and *James Biddle*, Gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Safety for this Province, during the ensuing Year.

Resolved, That any Seven, or more, of the said Committee, with the President, or, in his Absence, the Vice-President, be a Board for transacting any Business that may properly come before them.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, respecting the Manufacture of Saltpetre in this Province, and after a Debate of some Length,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Kachlein* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to enquire and report to the House what Progress has been made in the Manufacturing of Saltpetre in the City of *Philadelphia*, what Sum is required to prosecute this Business to Effect, and whether it be expedient to encourage making the said Article in a more general Way, among People in different Parts of the Country, by advancing the Price already offered, or by any other probable Means not hitherto attempted in this Province.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 20, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Honourable the Continental Congress has "recommended to the Inhabitants of all the United *English* Colonies in *North-America*, that all able-bodied effective Men between sixteen and fifty Years of Age immediately form themselves into regular Companies of Militia, *&c.*" and that although a considerable Number of the Freemen of this Province had before the said Recommendation associated for the Purpose of Defence against all Invaders, yet the said Recommendation has not been fully complied with, and in our Opinion it is become absolutely necessary that general Regulations should be made to take Place throughout the Province;—that this Honourable House being the Body from whom the People most earnestly wish to receive the Regulations which are become so indispensably necessary, the Petitioners do most earnestly pray that this Honourable House will recommend to the Inhabitants of this Province such military Regulations, as, in their Wisdom, they shall think will carry the said Recommendation of the Honourable Continental Congress effectually into Execution;—that the Petitioners, being sensible

"there are some People, who from religious Principles cannot bear Arms in any Case," wish not to do "Violence to their Consciences," but as by the Exertions of the Associators, the Liberty, Property and Lives of those People will be equally defended with their own, (without any Danger to the Lives, Liberty or Property of the said People) the Petitioners further pray, that the Terms of Exemption may be adequate to the Dangers, Loss of Time and Expence incurred to those who shall associate under the proposed Regulations.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to report to the House a State of the several Grants made by this Province to the Crown, from the Year 1755, to the Year 1764, and the Sum remaining to be raised to complete the said Grants, presented to the Chair a Report thereon in Writing which was read by Order.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on *Tuesday* next the Twenty-fourth Instant, to take into their Consideration the present critical State of this Province.

The Petition of *George Jacob Housman*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, was, on Motion, again read, and referred, with the several insolvent Petitions recommended over by the late Assembly, to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration Part of the Memorial from the Committee of Safety recommending the Appointment of a Commodore or Commander in Chief of the armed Boats provided for the Defence of this City and River, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That it is their Opinion such an Officer is at this Time necessary, and that it be referred to the Committee of Safety to consider of, and report to the House, a Person proper for the Service.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Motion was made and seconded for appointing a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, *&c.* and after some Debate thereon, was postponed for further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 21, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from the Committee of the Privates of the Asso-

ciation of the City of *Philadelphia*, and its Districts, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have lived to see the unhappy Time when the Liberties of *America* must be finally lost, unless preserved by arming the Inhabitants thereof in their Defence;—that the Strength and Power of the Enemy, and the determined Spirit with which the War is likely to be prosecuted, render the utmost Efforts of this, as well as of the Rest of the United *English* Colonies absolutely necessary.—That the Petitioners do therefore humbly pray the Honourable House in their Wisdom to recommend to their Constituents some general Plan of a Militia Law, which shall equally extend to all the good People of this Province, and that any Indulgence which may be thought necessary to be granted by the House to any Freemen of the Province may be equally open to all, and granted on such Terms as the House may think adequate to the many difficult and dangerous Services of those who are willing to hazard their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of their Country;—that this, the Petitioners are persuaded would give such general Satisfaction to those who have already associated, that they would chearfully exert their utmost Abilities in the Service of their Country.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

October 23, 1775.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 24, 1775.

A Quorum met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night.

Mr. *Dickinson* and Mr. *Pyle*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson* be added to the Committee of Correspondence, and Mr. *Miles* to the Committee of Accounts.

The Order of *Friday* last, for resolving the House into a Committee of the whole House on this Day, to consider the present critical State of the Province, being called for, was read by Order, and the Execution thereof postponed to *Thursday* next, the 26th Instant.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 25, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Jacobs*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

Pursuant to the Resolution of *Thursday* last, a Number of Applications for Captains, Lieutenants and Ensigns Commissions in the new Battalion to be raised in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, were this Day received by the House, with the respective Recommendations produced in Favour of the Applicants, which were severally read, and referred to the Afternoon for Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the several Petitions and Applications presented in the Forenoon, for Captains Commissions in the new Battalion, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That *William Allen*, jun. *Jonathan Jones*, *William Williams*, *Josiah Harman*, *Marien Lamar*, *Thomas Dorsey*, *William Jenkins* and *Augustine Willet* be, and they are hereby appointed Captains in the said Battalion, and recommended to the Honourable Continental Congress for Commissions accordingly.

A Memorial from the Committee chosen by the Freeholders of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*, to solicit Assistance, and devise Means, for keeping the Peace of the said Counties, and defending them against the *Connecticut* Intruders, was presented to the House, read, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The MEMORIAL of the Subscribers, being a Committee chosen by the Freeholders of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*, to solicit Assistance, and devise Means, for keeping the Peace of the said Counties, and defending them against the *Connecticut* Intruders,

Sheweth,

THAT the late House of Assembly taking into Consideration "the Intrusion of a Number of People into this Province, under a pretended Claim of the Colony of *Connecticut*, to the great Annoyance of the good People of this Province, did specially direct their Delegates to lay the same before the Congress, with the mischievous Tendency the pursuing such

Measures will have, and to procure the Aid of Congress to quiet the Minds of the good People of this Province, and prevent *further Intrusions* and Extension of Settlements under the said Claim, until the Matter shall be determined by the King in Council, to whom both Sides have submitted the Dispute."

That the Honourable Congress were pleased to appoint Five of their Body as a Committee to hear the Parties, and to devise some effectual Means for answering the aforesaid Purposes; and the said Committee being attended by your Memorialists on the Part of the Freeholders of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*, and by the *Connecticut* Delegates in Behalf of the Claimants and Intruders from that Colony, did condescend, with great Patience and Candour, to hear what was offered on each Side; declaring, that as it was not the Intention of the Congress to take upon them the Decision of any Matters touching the Merits of the Controversy, it would be sufficient for the Parties to confine themselves to such Points only as might enable the said Committee to answer the Purposes of their Appointment, namely to "devise some Way by which the Recommendation and Authority of Congress may be reasonably interposed for keeping the Peace till a Decision of this Matter, agreeable to the aforesaid Request of Assembly."

Wherefore, waving the principal Arguments touching the Merits of the Controversy, and particularly the Settlement of the *Western* Bounds of *Connecticut*, under a Royal Commission in 1664, then solemnly assented to and accepted by themselves, and since that adjudged absolute and final in several Instances (as we doubt not it will in the present); we say, waving these Points, your Memorialists insisted on the following, *viz.*

That were it even possible for the *Connecticut* Claim to derive the least Support from the Charter, they have prosecuted it in an unwarrantable and riotous Manner, holding their present Possessions only by *forcible Entry*, and unjust Depredations upon the Property of the good People of this Province.

That near Fifty Years ago all that Part of *Delaware* which they now claim, from 41° upwards, was settled by *Pennsylvania*, as far as then purchased from the *Indians*; and the Settlements still extended farther as new Purchases were made, without any Claim made known, or Interruption offered, on the Part of *Connecticut*.

That their Claim is a *novel* Thing, or at least was not heard

of among *Pennsylvanians* till a little before the *Indian* Treaty and Congress at *Albany* in 1754, and was hardly considered by any Body as a serious Thing, till at that Treaty it was made known that they were privately dealing with the *Indians*, by Two's and Three's at a Time, at the House of one *Lydius*, for some Lands on *Susquehanna*.

That the Deed, (if any) signed by the *Indians* at that Time, was not obtained as usual from their Chiefs in *Public Council* or *Treaty*, but *privately*, and through the Persuasion of the said *Lydius*, and also contrary to the Laws of *Connecticut* itself, which prohibits all Purchases from the *Indians* without Leave of their General Court.

That if the said pretended Deed was not void on the foregoing Account, it is absolutely so for the following Reasons,

First, Because at a solemn Treaty held between the Governor of *Pennsylvania* and the *Indians October* the 25th, 1736, in a Deed for the Lands from the Mouth of *Susquehanna* up to the Mountains—The *Indians* made a further Covenant and Declaration of Trust, in the Words following: "That neither they, nor any in Authority in their Nations, would at any Time bargain, sell, grant, or by any Means make over, to any Person or Persons whatsoever, whether White Men or *Indians*, other than the Proprietors of *Pennsylvania*, Children of *William Penn*, or to Persons by them authorized and appointed to agree for and receive the same, any Lands within the Limits of *Pennsylvania*, as it is bounded Northward by *New-York*. But when we are willing to dispose of any further Rights to Lands within the said Limits of *Pennsylvania*, we will dispose of them to the said *William Penn's* Children, and no other." And the Consideration mentioned by the *Indians*, as inducing them to make this Deed and Declaration, was the upright Conduct of *William Penn*, who, although he had, in the Year 1696, purchased the *Susquehannah* Lands within the Northern Part of his Charter from Governor *Dungan*, who had purchased them for him, the said *William Penn*, in 1683, yet was willing to pay the *Indians* over again, as he had Occasion to settle them.

That on the 6th Day of *July*, 1754, in a Public Council at *Albany*, Colonel *Johnson* and the Commissioners or Delegates of all the neighbouring Provinces being present, the *Indians* gave a Deed to the Proprietors of *Pennsylvania* for another Parcel of the *Susquehanna* Lands from the Mountains nearly up to the Forks, including also a great Part of the Lands on *Delaware* now claimed by *Connecticut*, but declared they would not yet sell the *Shamokin* and *Wyoming* Lands, but

reserve them for their Hunting-Grounds, and appointed *John Shickalamy*, a noted Chief, to live on them, and prevent any Settlements of White People.

But it being then suggested to the *Indians* that some private Persons were endeavouring to obtain Deeds from some of their People for Part of these Lands, and the aforesaid Deed of 1736 being shewn to them, by which they declare, that they held the said Lands in Trust, to be disposed of only to the Children of *William Penn*, they did accordingly the Ninth Day of *July*, 1754, sign and execute an Indorsement on the Back of the Deed of 1736, "for themselves, their Children and Children's Children, confirming, ratifying, and holding good the same, covenanting, promising and engaging to and with *Thomas* and *Richard Penn*, Esquires, that neither they, nor any under their Authority, should sell, grant or convey to any other than the said *Thomas Penn* and *Richard Penn*, their Heirs and Assigns, any Lands within the Limits of their Province," *&c.*

That on the 9th Day of the said Month of *July*, 1754, the Commissioners of the Colonies met in Congress, drew up a State to be laid before his Majesty; and as if foreseeing the evil Consequences that would ensue from private Purchases of Lands from the *Indians*, and the exorbitant and unwieldy Claims of some Northern Colonies, under their Charters, agreed to the following Articles, *viz. First*, "That all future Purchases of Lands from the *Indians* be void, unless made by the Government where such Lands lie, and from the *Indians* in a Body in their Public Councils."——*Second*, "That the Bounds of those Colonies, which extend to the South Sea, be contracted and limited by the *Allegheny* or *Apalachian* Mountains, and Measures be taken for settling from Time to Time, Colonies of his Majesty's Protestant Subjects Westward of said Mountains, in proper Cantons."

That the *pretended Indian* Deed to some Persons in *Connecticut*, being posterier to all this, and dated *July* 11, 1754, must, in every Sense and View, be *fraudulent* and *void*. It must be *void*, because the *Indians* could not convey that on *July* 11, to any other Persons, which they had twice before declared they held in Trust, to be conveyed *only* to the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania*. It is *fraudulent*, not only as being obtained *privately*, contrary to a Resolution of the Colonies in Congress, made two Days before, with the Assent of Commissioners from *Connecticut* itself, but also as extending *beyond the Mountains*, which they had agreed should limit all Colonies claiming to the South Sea.

That the *Connecticut* Claimants, no Doubt conscious of the Weight of these Reasons, did not pretend to make any Settlement under their own Charter, or the said pretended *Indian* Purchase, but thought proper to petition his Majesty, "that it might be his Royal Pleasure (not to extend the *Old Colony)* but to grant them the said Lands to erect and settle thereon a *New Colony*, in such Form and under such Regulations, as might be consistent with his Royal Wisdom."

That failing in this Application, (as it might be justly expected his Majesty would not grant those Lands a second time, which were before granted to *William Penn)* they recurred to their pretended *Indian* Purchase, and set up their Charter Claim, but never durst settle any of the Lands in their own Right, till they were first purchased by the Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania* in *November*, 1768, at which Time the *Indians* in Public Council solemnly denied ever having made any Sale of the Lands in Question to the People of *Connecticut*; as the *Six Nations* had before disclaimed the same by the Sachem *Hendrick*, and other Chiefs, sent to *Philadelphia* for that Purpose in *January*, 1755.

That the *Connecticut* Claimants were not only thus prevented by the *Indians* from settling under their own pretended Purchase, and obliged to wait till they could come in under the Purchase of *Pennsylvania*; but even now dare not settle one Foot of their said Purchase, which reaches over or beyond the *Pennsylvania* Purchase; and that upon the Whole, they had intruded themselves into this Province without any Shadow of Right, and hold their present Possessions by *forcible Entry* and Invasions of the Property of Persons holding under this Province. In Proof of which, your Memorialists produced Numbers of Affidavits and other Vouchers, setting forth their first Intrusion, and Attempt to dispossess Mr. *Ogden*, and other Settlers at *Wyoming*, in *February*, 1769: their being twice taken by the Sheriff of *Northampton*, and defeated in their Designs; their Escapes from Prison and Bail; Breach of their Faith; Returning again to the Lands, and taking to their Assistance Fugitives from the Justice of this Province, till at Length they succeeded in their present Lodgement at the said *Wyoming*, a Place within the undoubted Charter Limits of this Province, and to which its Laws and Jurisdiction were actually extended by our Legislature, long before any Act of the Colony of *Connecticut* for that Purpose.

That the Peace of the Province has for several Years past been constantly interrupted by these Intruders, and endeavouring to extend their Settlements, and to draw off our Inhabi-

tants to their Party by every undue Means in their Power; tempting some of the lowest of them with Offers of Commissions, Civil and Military; and others, particularly those who hold as Tenants, to become Landlords themselves, by Offers of the Lands on easier Terms than those of *Pennsylvania.*

That their late Attempt to extend themselves Westward at least 50 Miles from *Wyoming* to the West Branch of *Susquehannah* was attended with the most provoking Circumstances of Treachery, as well as Want of Sympathy for the Distresses of their Country, or Regard for *Public Union.*—Because in *May* last, after actual Hostilities had commenced between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies, the Assembly of *Connecticut* made a *new* Law, extending their Jurisdiction to the said West Branch of *Susquehannah*, and thereby exciting their People to make further Intrusions upon us, which was most ungenerously attempted by them in an hostile Manner the latter End of *September* last, in open Disregard of the Injunctions of the *Continental Congress*, at a Time when they thought our People were least expecting them and least prepared to receive them; many of the best Men of the County being absent in the Public Service as Riflemen.—

That upon this State of the Matter, and in the present Temper of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, whose Minds are so justly inflamed against those Intruders, as a Set of Men who have made repeated Attacks on their Property, and to whose future Engagements no *Faith* can be due, your Memorialists took the Liberty to suggest to the worthy Committee of *Congress* their Apprehensions that the said Frontier Inhabitants, now considering themselves under the Necessity of repelling Force by Force, can be no way quieted, or the public Peace preserved, "but by those *Connecticut* People yielding up the Lands of which they have taken forcible Possession, and retiring within their Old Bounds *East* of *New-York*, there patiently to wait the Decision of the Controversy by that Authority to which both Sides have submitted, and which may soon be expected."

The Reply made to these Arguments appeared to us too evasive and inconclusive to trouble your Honourable House with a Recital of them. Upon the Whole, instead of acquiescing in our Proposal to withdraw these Intruders, the *Connecticut* Delegates gave in the following written Proposal, calculated, under the Sanction of the Congress, if it could be had, to obtain for their People a still stronger Establishment in a Tract of Land almost as large as all *Connecticut*; thereby

delivering them the quiet Possession and Use of Lands, honestly purchased and paid for, to an immense Value, by Multitudes of good People belonging to all Parts of our Province.

FORM *of a RESOLUTION of* CONGRESS *proposed by the* CONNECTICUT DELEGATES.

"WHEREAS it is represented to this Congress, that some Disturbances have lately happened among the People inhabiting the Lands in Controversy between the Colony of *Connecticut* and the Proprietors of the Colony of *Pennsylvania*, which, unless speedily quieted, may interrupt the Harmony and weaken the Union of the confederated Colonies, when their united Efforts are necessary for the Defence of their common Rights and Liberties; and that the Peace of said Inhabitants cannot be preserved, nor Offenders duly punished there by the Civil Authority of the Colonies of *Connecticut* and *Pennsylvania*, or either of them, by Reason of their interfering Claims of Jurisdiction, and the Assembly of the Colony of *Pennsylvania* and the Delegates of the Colony of *Connecticut* have requested the Interposition and Advice of the Congress in the Premises.

"Resolved that in the Opinion of the Congress, it is expedient for preserving the Peace of said Colonies that a *Temporary Line of Jurisdiction* be fixed between them, and therefore recommend for the present, and until there shall be a *legal* Settlement of said Controversy, or some other Regulation established, that the Colony of *Connecticut* confine the Exercise of its Jurisdiction (at the Place in Controversy) to that Part of a Township incorporated by the Assembly of that Colony by the Name of *Westmoreland*, that lieth East of a Meridian Line beginning at Latitude 41° North, at the Distance of 15 *English* Miles West from the East Branch of *Susquehannah* River, and from thence running North to the North Line of the Lands in Controversy. And that the Colony of *Pennsylvania* forbear to exercise Jurisdiction within those Limits, unless the South Limit of said Town include any of the Inhabitants who settled and hold under the Claim of the Proprietors of *Pennsylvania*, that then those Inhabitants remain under the Jurisdiction of *Pennsylvania*, and that all the Inhabitants, on said controverted Lands, be suffered peaceably to occupy the Lands now in their actual Possession.

"Provided nevertheless, that nothing contained in this temporary Provision shall any way affect or prejudice the legal Title or Claim of either Party to any of the said Lands. And it is further recommended that all Persons who have

been arrested only for attempting to enter upon and take Possession of any of the vacant or uncultivated Lands in Controversy, be forthwith released, and that all their Effects be restored to them. And that for the future all concerned carefully avoid whatever may tend to disturb the Peace, or interrupt the Harmony and Friendship that ought at all Times, and more especially the present, to subsist among all true Lovers of their Country."—

On the foregoing Proposal it was observed first by your Memorialists that the Bounds pointed out would extend the Jurisdiction of *Connecticut* not only over the *Wyoming* Lands and fifteen Miles West of *Susquehannah*, but also *Eastward* to *Delaware* over the *Minisink* and other Lands settled and governed under *Pennsylvania* for 50 Years past. They further observed an affected Obscurity and the Use of ambiguous Words in the Proposal, where it ought to have been explicit and clear—As for Example—a Temporary Line of Jurisdiction is proposed, "until there shall be a *legal* Settlement of the Controversy"—But when they were asked what they meant by a *legal* Settlement, and whether the expected Determination by the King in Council would be acquiesced in by them as such, no decisive Reply was obtained, but rather a Suggestion that they would not consider such Determination as final in their Case. The like Ambiguity was observed with respect to the Words—"Actual Possession"—they affecting to consider all Lands, on which no Persons live, as vacant and free for their People to sit down upon; and we considering all Lands for which we have paid and which have been surveyed off to us, as our *Actual* Possession, which no Man has a Right to enter upon without our Leave, whether we occupy them or not. And as to a *Temporary Line* of Jurisdiction, your Memorialists declared it to be a Matter which they could neither consent to nor have any Concern in advising, for the following Reasons:

First, Because the Legislature of this Province did extend its Jurisdiction over the whole Lands in Controversy long before the Colony of *Connecticut* made any Act for the like Purpose, and therefore that Jurisdiction can neither be suspended or limited but by the Legislature of this Province itself, or by the general Consent of those interested.

Secondly, Because such general Consent can never be expected. For wherever such Temporary Line may be fixed, it must give Dissatisfaction to Multitudes, and sacrifice (at least for a Time) the Property of one Part of the Country for the Peace or Convenience of the other.

Thirdly, Because Application being heretofore made on the Part of *Connecticut* to the Honourable Proprietaries of *Pennsylvania* for such *Temporary Line*, they refused to consent to the same, considering that it would be injurious to their Cause, and an Admission that the Lines of *Connecticut*, settled more than an Hundred Years ago *East* of *New-York*, could now extend *West* of the same, and approach those of *Pennsylvania*.

Fourthly, Because it seems evidently intended by the Proposing such Temporary Lines to give those *Connecticut* Intruders an Opportunity of introducing still greater Numbers of their People, and rendering themselves so strong as to be able to dispute the Possession, whatever may be determined respecting the Merits of the Controversy.—And that on the Whole a *Temporary Line*, being involved in such Difficulty, affecting not only the Rights and Estate of the Honourable Proprietaries of this Province, but of Multitudes within it, and which however determined must ruin and give Dissatisfaction to many—Your Memorialists could not but think it a Matter, in which it would be wrong even to wish the Interposition of Congress, all whose Recommendations should be received with Reverence and without murmuring, and that therefore some other Mode should be agreed upon, in order to be strengthened by the Recommendation of Congress—Either *First*, That those Intruders who have so justly alarmed their Neighbours should withdraw as originally proposed to the Committee of Congress by your Memorialists; or *Secondly*, that a Plan should be devised for preventing their further Extension of Settlements, the Introducing any more of their People, or any Way molesting the Inhabitants of this Province in their Persons or Property, till a Determination of the Controversy by the King in Council, with some proper Security that they will abide by that Determination, and in the mean Time submit to the Laws of *Pennsylvania*. But on a Matter of so great Weight and Concern to the Province in general, We declared further, that we wished to take the Advice of your Honourable House.

Being therefore convinced that any Accommodation by Means of a *Temporary Line* is an Idea never entertained by the late or present House, we pray you would take the Premises under your wise Consideration, and advise us whether the Peace of this Province can be best preserved by the First or Second of the above Propositions, or whether any other Plan might be more agreeable to you; And as the Settlement as well as Execution of any Plan of this Kind may be at-

tended with Difficulties and Delays, of which these Intruders may wish to take Advantage, as usual, We further *pray* that the Inhabitants of the said two Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton* may in the mean Time be duly strengthened and supported for the Defence of their Property against all such Invasions and insidious Attempts as that lately made upon them:—And your Memorialists shall pray, *&c.*

WILLIAM SMITH, FRANCIS ALLISON,
HENRY KEPPELE, jun. JOHN COX,
October 25, 1775. TENCH FRANCIS, SAMUEL MEREDITH,
WILLIAM SITGREAVES, REUBEN HAINES."
ROBERT HARRIS,

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 26, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and, upon Motion, resumed the Consideration of the Memorial from the Committee chosen by the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*, to solicit Assistance, and devise Means, for keeping the Peace of the said Counties, and defending them against the *Connecticut* Intruders, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to consider the Contents of the said Memorial, and report thereon to the House.

A Memorial and Remonstrance from the Committee of *Chester* County was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Memorialists, animated with a fervent Desire of conveying to their Posterity unsullied and inviolate those inestimable Privileges which their Ancestors hardly earned with much Loss of Blood and Treasure, and being fully sensible that a regular System hath long since been formed by an infatuated Ministry, and now carrying into Execution, to deprive us of those Privileges, and subjugate this devoted Country, beg Leave to represent to the Honourable House the present weak and defenceless Situation of this Country;—that the House are too well acquainted with the Inconveniences under which the Memorialists labour, to require a minute Detail of them;—let it suffice, the County of *Chester* is in the present unnatural Contest the Frontier County in this Province on the River *Delaware*, and consequently subject to the Attacks of armed Vessels, Parties of Marines, *&c.* who may easily carry off our Live Stock to support the Ministerial Troops, effect the Destruction of the Borough of *Chester*, (and

thereby the Destruction of all our public Records) *Marcus Hook*, and every other Building or Improvement on the River below the *Chevaux de Frize*;—that, pursuant to a Resolve of the Honourable House, of the 30th of *June*, Five Hundred Stand of Arms, and the other necessary Accoutrements, are at this Time nearly compleated, for the Use of the Minute-Men, who hold themselves in Readiness to enter upon their necessary Service, as soon as the House will grant them that Encouragement which they are naturally led to expect, and without which it is conceived they can never be obtained;—that the Memorialists beg Leave to acquaint the House that there are Five Battalions in the said County, each of which has agreed to furnish One Hundred Men, which will complete the Number of Minute-Men required, who, having their All within the said County, and surrounded by the tenderest Connexions, will naturally exert their utmost Vigour in its Defence, which in Effect will be a Protection to the City of *Philadelphia*, and the other Parts of the Province;—that the Memorialists further beg Leave to represent, that, notwithstanding the Honourable Continental Congress recommended a general Association of all able-bodied Men from Sixteen to Fifty Years of Age, yet great Numbers have neglected or refused to associate, many of whom are Men of considerable Property and Influence;—which Neglect or Refusal hath an evident Tendency to discourage the present Associators, by inducing them to believe that the Burthen will chiefly fall on them;—that as the Cause is of general Concern, the necessary Waste of Time attending their Preparation for Defence, or an Equivalent thereto, should likewise be general;—that there are many Persons zealous in the Cause of Liberty, who would chearfully associate, but are destitute of Arms and Ammunition, and totally unable to procure them;—that under the present Circumstances of the Association, the Memorialists apprehend no proper Subordination can take Place, nor effectual Service be rendered to the Public: That the Memorialists having thus stated a few of the Inconveniences to which this County and the present Association are subject, they confide in the Wisdom and Integrity of the Honourable House for such Relief, as the Premises may require.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House proceeded in the Choice and Nomination of Officers for the new Battalion to be raised in this Province, when *Benjamin Davis*, *Samuel Watson*, *Jacob Ashmead*, *Peter Hughes*, *Adam Hubley*, *John Reece*, *Frederick Blankenburg* and *Richard Standley* were appointed Lieutenants in the said

Battalion, and recommended to the Continental Congress to be commissioned accordingly.

Upon Motion,

The Order of the House, to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on this Day, was again read, and further postponed till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House took into Consideration the several Applications produced at the Table for Ensigns Commissions in the new Battalion, and having examined the respective Vouchers of the Candidates,

Resolved, That *Roger Steiner*, *Philip Clumburg*, jun. *Jacob Zeigler*, *George Jenkins*, *Christian Staddle*, *Thomas Ryerson*, *William Moore* and *Amos Wilkinson* be, and they are hereby appointed Ensigns in the said Battalion, and recommended to the Honourable Continental Congress to be commissioned accordingly.

A Memorial and Petition from the Officers of the Four Battalions associated in the County of *Philadelphia*, for Defence of *American* Liberty, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Memorialists, purely with a View to serve their Country's Cause, have freely given much Time to perfect themselves, and the Men they have been chosen to command, in military Exercises, and have incurred an Expence for Drums and Colours, and the Payment of Adjutants, Fugal-Men, Serjeants, Drummers, Fifers, *&c.*—that some of the Petitioners have exerted their utmost Endeavours to procure sufficient Arms and Accoutrements, which were put into the Hands of such able-bodied Men under their Command, whose Circumstances did not permit to pay for themselves;—that the Petitioners beg Leave to present just Accounts of Expenditures, and to place Reliance on the Wisdom and Justice of the Honourable House of Reimbursement of the past and Provision for future necessary Expences.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers languishing Debtors in the Gaol of this City was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they are subjected to great Inconveniences and Hardships from their Friends and Families having been of late debarred Access to them, and praying Relief.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Christopher Tully* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he is the first Person who perfected and introduced in this Province a Machine for Spinning Twenty-four Threads at once by one Man or Woman,

with the same Facility and Dispatch as a single Thread can be spun on a common Wheel; and it being the first of the Kind made here, the Petitioner lost a great Deal of Time, and was at extraordinary Expence in compleating it;—that the Petitioner has also engraved the Figure of the said Machine for the *Pennsylvania* Magazine, and with it a Description of every Part in so particular a Manner, that any Workman may make one by the engraved Plate and the Description; whence it is probable this very useful Invention may soon become as common here as in *England*, which cannot but be a great Advantage to the Industrious Part of the People in this Country, and the Public in general;—that if the Honourable House should therefore think the Petitioner deserving of any Gratuity for his Trouble and Expence in perfecting and publishing the said Machine, it will be gratefully received and acknowledged by him.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 27, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to consider the Memorial of the Committee chosen by the Freeholders of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*, to solicit Assistance, and devise Means, for keeping the Peace of the said Counties, and defending them against the *Connecticut* Intruders, reported, "That they had taken the said Memorial into their serious Consideration, and are satisfied that the Matters and Things therein represented, are justly stated, and deserve the Attention of the House."

Ordered, That the above Report be taken into Consideration in the Afternoon.

The Order of Yesterday, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House at Ten o'Clock this Morning, was read by Order, and postponed to *Tuesday* next.

A Committee from the Meeting of Representatives of the People called *Quakers*, this Day waited on the House, and, being admitted, presented an Address in Behalf of that Society, which being read by one of the Committee, they withdrew, and the said Address follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* General Assembly *met.*

The *ADDRESS* of the People called QUAKERS,

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT we have with deep Concern and Affliction considered

the sorrowful Alteration in the State of this once peaceful Province, and the present Conjuncture appearing to us the most critical and important ever known among us, we request our Address to you at this Time may obtain your serious, weighty and deliberate Consideration.

We observe by the Minutes of your Proceedings, and the Copy of a Petition with which you have favoured us, that several Memorials and Petitions have been presented to you by divers Inhabitants chiefly of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, the Consideration of which hath so weightily impressed our Minds, that we apprehend we shall fall short of our Duty to ourselves, to our Country, and to Posterity, if we do not express our Concern on the Endeavours used to induce you to enter into Measures so manifestly repugnant to the Laws and Charter of this Province, and which, if enforced, must subvert that most essential of all Privileges, *Liberty of Conscience*, and we apprehend will not only increase the public Distresses, but occasion grievous Sufferings to many conscientious People of divers religious Denominations.

It is well known, that for above One Hundred Years past we, as a religious Society, have declared to the World that we could not for Conscience Sake bear Arms, nor be concerned in warlike Preparations, either by personal Service or by paying any Fines, Penalties or Assessments, imposed in Consideration of our Exemption from such Services.

That for many Years after becoming a distinct religious Society, our Ancestors suffered many grievous Persecutions and Oppressions for adhering to these our religious Principles, which we are convinced are founded on the Example and express Injunction of CHRIST our LORD and Lawgiver.

That in Expectation of being entirely relieved from the divers Oppressions, to which they were subjected on this and other Accounts, and of enjoying perfect Liberty of serving GOD, and of walking before him in the Way and Manner they believed to be most agreeable to him, our Ancestors were induced to leave their native Land, and encounter the Dangers and Difficulties of settling this, then a Wilderness; and although they were assured that our Honourable Proprietor *William Penn* was united with them in religious Profession and Principles, yet in order to secure this inestimable Privilege of *Liberty of Conscience* to themselves and their Posterity in the fullest Manner they could, before they came from their native Land, they entered into a solemn Contract with him for this Purpose, as appears by the 35th Section of Laws,

agreed upon in *England*, the 5th Day of the Third Month, 1682, in the following Words, *viz.*

"That all Persons living in the Province, who confess and acknowledge the one almighty and eternal God to be the Creator, Upholder and Ruler of the World, and that hold themselves obliged in Conscience to live peaceably and justly in civil Society, shall in no wise be molested or prejudiced for their religious Persuasion, or Practice in Matters of Faith and Worship, nor shall be compelled at any Time to frequent or maintain any religious Worship, Place or Ministry whatsoever."

This hath ever been understood to be the fundamental Part of the Constitution of this Province from its first Settlement, and that it was not limited to the Acts of public Worship only, in the Manner many, for Want of full Consideration, would now interpret it, is very evident from the first Clause of our present Charter of Privileges, *viz.*

"Because no People can be truly happy, though under the greatest Enjoyment of Civil Liberties, if abridged of the Freedom of their Consciences, as to their religious Profession and Worship; and almighty God being the only Lord of Conscience, Father of Lights and Spirits, and the Author, as well as Object, of all divine Knowledge, Faith and Worship, who only doth enlighten the Minds, and persuade and convince the Understandings of People; I do hereby grant and declare that no Person or Persons, inhabiting in this Province or Territories, who shall confess and acknowledge one almighty God, the Creator, Upholder and Ruler of the World, and profess him or themselves obliged to live peaceably under the Civil Government, shall be in any Case molested or prejudiced in his or their Person or Estate, because of his or their *Persuasion* or *Practice*, nor be compelled to frequent or maintain any religious Worship, Place or Ministry, contrary to his or their Mind, nor to do or suffer any other Act or Thing contrary to their religious Persuasion."

This Charter was received by the Representatives of the People, in Confirmation of their Rights and Privileges, and we desire may ever be considered and regarded as the most firm Compact between the Proprietaries and People of this Province; the Wisdom manifested therein being so conspicuous, as to engage the Attention and Approbation of the most judicious and knowing Men of our own and other Nations, and especially in the great Care taken to guard against the Instability of future human Councils, by providing in the most solemn Manner in the last Paragraph of this Charter, that

this most essential Liberty and Privilege should be preserved inviolate, in the following memorable Conclusion of it, *viz.*

"But because the Happiness of Mankind depends so much on enjoying Liberty of their Consciences as aforesaid, I do hereby solemnly declare, promise and grant for me, my Heirs and Assigns that the first Article of this Charter relating to Liberty of Conscience and every Part and Clause therein, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, shall be kept and remain without any Alteration inviolable forever. And lastly, I the said *William Penn*, Proprietor and Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania* and Territories thereunto belonging, for myself, my Heirs and Assigns have solemnly declared, granted and confirmed, and do hereby solemnly declare, grant and confirm that neither I, my Heirs or Assigns, shall procure, or do, any Thing or Things whereby the Liberties in this Charter contained, and expressed, nor any Part thereof, shall be infringed or broken: and if any Thing shall be procured or done by any Person or Persons contrary to these Presents, it shall be of no Force or Effect."

On these Principles this Province was first settled, and the Blessing of divine Providence signally attending the pious Care of those entrusted with the Powers of Government, soon became populous, and Truth, Equity and Mercy directing their Councils they gave Proof of their Desire that the Blessings they enjoyed should be diffused to others which encouraged great Numbers to remove hither and settle among them. We cannot therefore but sorrowfully lament, that any should now forget the Equity and Justice of their Laws and Government, and by prefering their own Schemes, overlook the Importance of inviolably maintaining and supporting these Principles.

We have a just Sense of the Value of our Religious and Civil Liberties, and have ever been and are desirous of preserving them by all such Measures as are not inconsistent with our Christian Profession and Principles; and though we believe it to be our Duty to submit to the Powers, which in the Course of divine Providence are set over us, where there hath been, or is any Oppression, or Cause of Suffering, we are engaged with Christian Meekness and Firmness to petition and remonstrate against them, and to endeavor by just Reasoning and Arguments to assert our Rights and Privileges, in order to obtain Relief.

We therefore earnestly entreat you carefully to guard against any Proposal or Attempt to deprive us and others of the full Enjoyment of *Liberty of Conscience*, and that the

solemn Assurance given us in the Charter, that we shall not be obliged "*to do or suffer any Act or Thing contrary to our religious Persuasion*," may not be infringed.—The Power of judging respecting our Sincerity belongeth only to the Lord of our Consciences, and we hope in a Province heretofore remarkable for the Preservation of Religious and Civil Liberty, the Representatives of the People will still be conscientiously careful that it may remain inviolate.

We fervently desire the most conciliatory Measures for removing the impending Calamities, and for restoring Peace to the Colonies in general, may be pursued, and that all such may be avoided as are likely to widen or perpetuate the Breach with our Parent State, or tend to introduce Persecution and Suffering among us.

We are not insensible of the Difficulties and Trials which attend your Station in this Time of public Calamity, and are desirous that divine Wisdom may influence your Minds, and guide your Councils, so that your Determinations may tend to the Honour of GOD, the Promotion of Peace, and the Happiness of the People.

Signed in and on Behalf of a Meeting of the Representatives of the said People, held at Philadelphia, *the 26th Day of the* Tenth Month, 1775, *by*

JOHN PEMBERTON, *Clerk*."

Ordered, That the foregoing Address be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House, pursuant to the Order of the Forenoon, taking into Consideration the Report of their Committee on the Memorial of the *Northumberland* and *Northampton* Committee, together with certain Resolutions of a former House of Assembly, passed on the 13th of *January*, 1774, concerning certain Intruders from the Colony of *Connecticut*, "who, in a riotous and tumultuous Manner, have taken Possession of a Tract of Country within the known Limits and Boundaries of this Province, and retain their Possession in an hostile Manner, to the great Disturbance of the Peace of the same, confederating in Defiance of the Laws and executive Powers of this Government, with a Number of ill-disposed Persons, and affording Protection to Offenders of the most atrocious Kind:—Whereupon the said House resolved, that they would concur with the Governor in every reasonable Measure, to strengthen the Hands of Government in preserving the Peace, and suppressing all Riots, Tumults and illegal Attempts to

disturb the Inhabitants of this Province in their peaceable Possessions." And whereas it appears that the said *Connecticut* Intruders, in Contempt of the Authority of this Province, and to the great Annoyance of its peaceable Inhabitants, do still continue their Intrusions and Invasions of private Property, and particularly in the latter End of *September* last, regardless of the public Union, and taking an ungenerous Advantage of the Calamities of the Times, did attempt to extend their Settlements to the West Branch of *Susquehannah*, near Fifty Miles from *Wyoming*:—Wherefore

Resolved, That the Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, settled under the Jurisdiction of this Province, were justifiable, and did their Duty in repelling the said Intruders and preventing the further Extension of their Settlements.

And whereas the Jurisdiction of the Counties of *Northampton* and *Northumberland* is extended by Acts of Assembly to the North Bounds of this Province, and the Matter in Controversy between *Connecticut* and this Province is submitted to the Determination of the King in Council—wherefore

Resolved, That to admit or agree to any Temporary Line of Jurisdiction between the Inhabitants of this Province and the said Intruders, would be sacrificing the just Rights and Powers of this Government, would prejudice the Cause in Question, and be injurious not only to the Proprietaries of this Province, who have already refused to agree to any such Temporary Line, but likewise to all those who have purchased and hold Lands in those Parts under the Faith and Sanction of our Laws.

Resolved, That those *Connecticut* Intruders having, in a forcible and hostile Manner, obtained their Possessions in this Province, ought, for the Preservation of the Peace thereof, to surrender up those Possessions, and wait for a proper and legal Decision of their Claim.

Resolved, nevertheless, That this House will acquiesce in any Plan that shall be recommended by the Honourable Continental Congress, agreeable to the Request of the late House, whereby those Intruders may be permitted to enjoy their present Settlement till a Determination of the Controversy by the King in Council; provided Assurance be given that they will abide by that Determination, and in the mean Time introduce no more Settlers upon the controverted Lands and submit to the Laws of this Province.

Resolved, That if such an Agreement cannot be obtained, this House will concur with the Governor in every reasonable

Measure for protecting and supporting the Inhabitants of the said Counties of *Northampton* and *Northumberland* in the Defence of their Property and just Rights.

A Memorial from the Officers of the Military Association, within the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Memorialists have been induced, from Motives of Humanity as well as Self-preservation, to enter into and form an Association for mutual Defence, and in their Endeavours to carry the same into Effect they have found it indispensably necessary from Time to Time to advance Money for the Payment of Fugal Men, Adjutants, Drummers and Fifers, as well as Drums, Colours, &c.——That these Efforts of the Memorialists (notwithstanding numberless Attempts to render them abortive) have been attended with very considerable Effects, there being now within the said County, Five Battalions regularly formed, and so well disciplined for the Time they have been established, that they may be of singular Service in Support of the great and common Cause of *America*, if put under proper Regulations; that the Memorialists being called to the Station they now hold by the free Suffrages of the People, they were induced to incur the Expences above-mentioned by no other Motive than a Desire to promote to the utmost of their Power the public Security and Welfare; and as the Honourable House, by their Vote of the Thirtieth of *June* last, was pleased to approve of their Proceedings, they rely, with a respectful Confidence, in the Justice and Impartiality of the present Assembly, that they will not suffer a few Individuals to remain any longer burthened with the Charge of Measures which were designed for, and really tend to the Benefit of the whole Community:—that the Memorialists therefore pray the House will be pleased to make such Provision in the Premises, as in their Wisdom shall seem proper, and beg Leave to present herewith an exact Account of their Expences for the Purposes aforesaid, omitting many others (although vastly superior to those exhibited) which they have been necessitated to incur:—that the Memorialists also beg Leave to inform the House, that it will be necessary to retain in Pay one Drummer and one Fifer for each Company, and an Adjutant and a Fugal Man for each Battalion, whose Pay the Memorialists would wish the House to regulate. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from Captain *Benjamin Loxly*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Storekeeper of Artillery, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by the Direction of several Members of the Honourable House, and at the Request of the

Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, the Petitioner hath provided divers Carriages for the Ordinance, and Stores of various Kinds, whereby a Balance of *Three Hundred* and *Fifty-three Pounds Seven Shillings* is now due to him, which he prays the House will order to be paid.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 28, 1775.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into their further Consideration the Resolve of Congress for raising a Battalion in this Province, find it necessary that Money should be advanced to the several Captains for that Purpose,

Resolved, therefore, That the Congress be requested to order a sufficient Sum of Money to be put into the Hands of the Committee of Safety of this Province, to be immediately applied in raising the said Battalion.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

October 30, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and seconded, that the Freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to elect Members of Assembly be admitted to hear the Debates of the Committee of the whole House To-morrow, and after some Time spent in the Consideration thereof, the Question being called for, and put by the Speaker, it passed in the Negative.

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Twining*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Brown*,
Mr. *Grubb*,	Mr. *Potts*,	Mr. *Jenks*,
Mr. *Ross*,	Mr. *Miles*,	Mr. *Gibbons*,
Mr. *Ewing*,	Mr. *Rodman*,	Mr. *Pearson*,
Mr. *Montgomery*,	Mr. *Haney*,	Mr. *Humphreys*
Mr. *Kachlein*,	Mr. *Wynkoop*,	Mr. *Pyle*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Foulke*,	Mr. *Slough*,
Mr. *Dougherty*.	Mr. *Chapman*.	Mr. *Webb*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 31, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Pennock* and Mr. *Allen*, this Day appearing in the House, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

A Petition and Remonstrance from the Committee of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The PETITION and REMONSTRANCE of the COMMITTEE of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia,*

Most humbly sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners have seen the Copy of an Address to your Honourable House, entituled, "An Address of the People called *Quakers,*" which, in the Opinion of your Petitioners, bears an Aspect unfriendly to the Liberties of *America*, and maintains Principles destructive of all Society and Government, and highly reflecting upon the glorious Revolutions which placed the present Royal Family upon the *British* Throne.—Though we are firmly persuaded that a Majority of that Society have too much Sincerity, Candour and good Sense, to be influenced by such Principles, yet our Duty to ourselves, to our Country, and to our Posterity at this alarming Crisis, when every Thing dear and valuable is at Stake, constrains us to use our utmost Endeavors to prevent the fatal Consequences that might attend your Compliance with the above Application. These Gentlemen want to withdraw their Persons and their Fortunes from the Service of their Country, at a Time when their Country stands most in need of them.

If the Patrons and Friends of Liberty succeed in the present glorious Struggle, *they* and *their* Posterity will enjoy all the Advantages derived from it, equally with *those* who procured them, without contributing a single Penny, and with Safety to their Persons.—If the Friends of Liberty fail, *they* will risk no Forfeitures, but be entitled by their Behaviour to Protection and Countenance from the *British* Ministry, and will probably be promoted to Office:——This they seem to desire and expect.——Though such Conduct manifestly tends to defeat the virtuous and wise Measures planned by the Congress of the Thirteen United Colonies, and appears at the first Blush to be selfish, ungenerous and unjust, yet we beg Leave to animadvert upon the Arguments they have used to induce the Honourable House to favour and support it. The Addressors say, "They are of a religious Society, who, for above an Hundred Years past, have declared to the World, that they could not, for Conscience sake, bear Arms, nor be concerned in warlike Preparations, either by personal Service, or by paying any Fines, Penalties or Assessments, imposed in Consideration of their Exemption from such Services."—That

these Principles are founded "on the Example and express Injunction of CHRIST, our LORD and Lawgiver."——That "although they were assured that our Honourable Proprietor *William Penn* was united with them in religious Profession and Principles," yet their Ancestors obtained from him a Charter, by which the Enjoyment of these Principles is secured inviolate for ever—and that they hold the Doctrine of Passive Obedience and Non-resistance:—Your Petitioners will not undertake to say how long this Society have held such Principles, but they do positively say, that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament must be wrested and tortured, with more than Jesuitical Art, to furnish a single Argument to support them. They also deny, that the Clause in the Proprietary Charter, which they cite, is by them truly construed, and humbly conceive this will be evident not only by a due Attention to the Words themselves, and a Consideration of the Royal Charter granted to the said *William Penn*, but also from the Act of Assembly, entituled, "The Law concerning Liberty of Conscience."

If the People called *Quakers* held these Principles "upwards of an Hundred Years ago," and the first Proprietor of this Province the Honourable *William Penn*, Esq; was "united with them in religious Profession and Principles," which they expressly alledge, it is very unaccountable to your Petitioners, that the said *William Penn* should receive a Charter from King *Charles* the Second, in the Year 1681, in the 16th Section of which we find "a Power given to him, his Heirs and Assigns, by themselves or their Captains, or other their Officers, to levy, muster and train all *Sorts* of Men, of what *Condition* soever, or wheresoever born in the Province, for the Time being, and to make War, and to pursue Enemies and Robbers, as well by Sea as by Land, even without the Limits of this Province, and, by GOD's Assistance, to vanquish and take them, and being taken, to put them to Death, by the Laws of War, or to save them, at their Pleasure, and to do all and every other Thing, which unto the Charge and Office of a Captain General of an Army belongeth, or hath accustomed to belong, as fully and freely as any Captain General of an Army hath ever had the same."

If also none but *Quakers* came over at first to this Province with the said Proprietor, and the Colony was intended for them, as the Addressors seem to intimate, your Petitioners cannot conceive that any other Persons could be made Captains or Officers, or could be levied, mustered or trained at that Time, but themselves.—Be this as it may,—your Petitioners

beg Leave to deliver as their humble Opinion, that Self-preservation is the first Principle of Nature, and a Duty that every Man indispensably owes not only to himself, but to the supreme Director and Governor of the Universe, who gave him a Being; and that in a State of political Society and Government all Men, by their original Compact and Agreement, are obliged to unite in defending themselves and those of the same Community against such as shall attempt unlawfully to deprive them of their just Rights and Liberties;—that those who withdraw themselves from this Compact, cannot be entitled to the Protection of the Society;—that the Safety of the People is the supreme Law;—that he who receives an equal Benefit, ought to bear an equal Burthen;—that the Doctrine of Passive Obedience and Non-resistance is incompatible with our Freedom and Happiness, and stands condemned by the Conduct of the great Queen *Elizabeth*, who first assisted the *Scotch*, and then the *French*, and to the End of her Days continued to protect the *States*, who not only resisted, but shook off the *Spanish* Yoke, and set up a new Form of Government; by the Conduct of her Parliaments and Convocations, who gave her Subsidies for those Purposes; by King *James* the First his whole Reign; by King *Charles* the First, who in the Beginning of his Reign protected the *Rochellers*, had Supplies from the *Parliament* for that Purpose, and ordered a Fast and Prayers to be made for them;—and by the glorious Revolution, under which the said Society of *Quakers*, as well as others, enjoy their present religious and civil Rights;——that it is also against the Laws of *England*, and is reprobated by two solemn Decisions in the House of Lords, the first against Doctor *Manwaring* in 1628, and the other against Doctor *Sacheverll* in 1710, after the most solemn and fair Trials,—and in a late Instance by the House of Commons, in the Case of Doctor *Nowell*, and also by the repeated Acts of the Assembly of this Province.——And your Petitioners cannot avoid thinking that even the Addressors of your Honours, though at a Distance, and in casuistical Reasoning, they may affect to exclude all Resistance, would yet hearken to the Voice of Nature, when evident Ruin, both to themselves and the Public, must attend a strict Adherence to such Principles, if there were no other Persons in the Community to defend them.

Upon the Whole, your Petitioners rest assured, you will exert every Power you are possessed of, for the Security and Happiness of the good People of this Province, and that you will do *equal* Justice to all your Constituents, and therefore

they again repeat their Request, that you will not, at a Time when the united Strength of *North-America*, and the Aid of every Individual, is wanted to preserve our common Rights, exempt many of the Wealthiest among us from co-operating with their Countrymen in some Way or other, for their common Safety.

And your Petitioners will pray, *&c.*

Signed by an unanimous Order of the Committee,

GEORGE CLYMER, *Chairman.*"

A Memorial from the Officers of the military Association of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The MEMORIAL of the *Officers* of the *Military* ASSOCIATION of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT your Memorialists have been favoured with a Copy of an Address, said to be that of the People called Quakers, containing Matter of so much Importance to the Opposition now so universally gone into, against ministerial Oppression, that your Memorialists cannot pass it by with Silence, though they apprehend that the Contents of it cannot make the intended Impression on the Minds of Men so enlightened as the Representatives of this Province.—But as we know by fatal Experience, that Papers of a public Nature, coming from a Body of Men supposed by the Ministry to have very general Influence in the Province, have contributed to draw upon us our present Calamities, we are constrained to remonstrate against the Address; and this with a View not only of expressing our Abhorrence of the Doctrines contained in it, but of justifying ourselves from the groundless Aspersions thrown on us, among the other Bodies of Freemen, who, out of Zeal for the public Service, have presented Petitions and Memorials to your Honourable House:—We cannot but see with Astonishment, the antiquated and absurd Doctrine of *passive Obedience* held up in this Age of Science, and that before the Representative Body of this Province, whose Existence, as a constitutional House of Assembly, depends on the contrary to this slavish Opinion:——We do, in the most solemn Manner, protest, that we mean not to violate the Rights of Conscience, as we are unjustly charged; but cannot, from all the

Lights we are possessed of, discover that, under the Idea of conscientious Scruples, Opinions should be promulgated subversive of every political Principle of that glorious Constitution, to defend which we have put our Lives and Fortunes to the Hazard, and tending to throw a Damp upon the Plan of Opposition which alone, under God, can save from Destruction this devoted Country. We cannot alter the Opinion we have ever held with Regard to those Parts of the Charter quoted by the Addressors, that they relate only to an Exemption from any Acts of Uniformity in Worship, and from paying towards the Support of other religious Establishments —than those to which the Inhabitants of this Province respectively belong: We know of no Distinctions of *Sects*, when we meet our Fellow Citizens on Matters of public Concern, and ask those conscientiously scrupulous against bearing Arms, to contribute towards the Expence of our Opposition, not because of their "*religious Persuasion*, but because the general Defence of the Province demands it; therefore, that Part of the Charter which relates to People not being" molested or prejudiced in their Person or Estate, on Account "of their conscientious Persuasion or Practice" is totally out of the Question, and has been held up with a View to alarm the House with groundless Apprehensions.—We beg Leave to remind the Honourable House of the constant Usage of the Province, and that in all the Wars we have been engaged in, no Exemption from Fines and Taxation has been made in Favour of any Set of People; but on the contrary Laws and Ordinances have repeatedly been made, for the Purposes of Defence, laying general Imposts on the Inhabitants of the Province of all Sects and Societies.—We are however of Opinion that speculative Disputes should not now be gone into. The Enemy are desolating our Country and danger daily awaits us. Our *Situation* therefore furnishes us with Arguments drawn from the Laws of *Nature* and *Reason* which transcend all local Establishments. From *these* Laws and the general Principles of civil Society it is undoubtedly certain, that all Persons who enjoy the *Benefits* should also bear their Proportion of the *Burthens* of the State.—We cannot conceive it to be consistent with a *reasonable* Conscience to acquire and engross considerable Property in any Country, and not part with some of it to defend the rest.——We farther think that those who *apply* Taxes, and not those whom the Exigencies of the State and the Weight of a Majority oblige to *pay* them, are answerable for the Consequences of such Application. We *conscientiously* believe, that no Member of

Society should be exempted from paying a reasonable Proportion of his Property towards the general Defence, though he may be exempted from actually bearing Arms; (and in such Case by paying a Fine for such Exemption, he is in a better Situation than one who risks his Life in the Service) and if the wealthy Members of the Society of Quakers are permitted to withhold their Proportion, it will in some Degree be an Invasion of *our* Liberty of Conscience by denying us the Means of so effectually making a warlike Opposition against our Oppressors, which cannot be done without Money. We know not what "*Schemes*" the Addressors allude to—For our Parts we have none, but to defend our Lives, Liberties and Property, and by every lawful and reasonable Mode, to obtain an *equal* and *general* Contribution for this Purpose from all Ranks of People. We pray the House to recollect the mischievous Consequences which have arisen from a former Production said to come from the whole Body of the People called Quakers; but which, as we have Reason to believe, (like that now before your Honourable House) flowed from a *few* Individuals who assumed to themselves the Prerogative of speaking the Sentiments of the whole Society; and that your Honourable House will reject from their Minutes their present Address which tends to shew a Disunion among us, and therefore may be of fatal Consequences to our Cause.—— And, as we fear the People will not longer submit to see the public Burthen so unequally borne, we earnestly beg, to preserve the Peace of the Province, and the Consequence of your Honourable House, (which we would wish to govern us in this important Struggle, in Preference to any other Body) you will be pleased to take into your Consideration our former Memorials relative to the Association, which we engaged in from the best of Motives, and which has been solemnly approved of by a Vote of your Honourable Predecessors.

By Order of a Board of Officers,

DANIEL ROBERDEAU, Chairman."

Philadelphia, 31 October, 1775.

A Representation from the Committee of Privates of the Association belonging to the City of *Philadelphia*, and its Districts, was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

WE the COMMITTEE of the *Privates* of the *ASSOCIATION* belonging to the City of *Philadelphia* and its Districts,

Humbly beg Leave to Represent,

THAT it is with no small Degree of Reluctance that we are obliged either to approach this Honourable House with this our Representation, or by our Silence in some Measure to acknowledge the Claims and admit the Charge of those Men who, in their late Address to this Honourable House, stile themselves the People called Quakers, a Copy of which we have seen.—

"In this extraordinary Address we find ourselves and others represented as Men who endeavour to induce this Honourable House to enter into Measures manifestly repugnant to the Laws and Charter of this Province, and which, if enforced, must subvert that most essential of all Privileges, Liberty of Conscience, which they apprehend will not only increase the public Distresses, but occasion the grievous Sufferings of many conscientious People of divers religious Denominations;" and also as Persons who" now forget the Equity "(sic) and Justice of their Laws and Government of this once peaceful Province, and, by preferring our own Schemes, overlook the Importance of inviolably maintaining and supporting the Principles of Civil and Religious Liberty."—

We beg Leave to assure this Honourable House, that we are far from wishing to do any Thing which would have the remotest Tendency to increase the public Distresses, or to occasion the grievous Sufferings of any conscientious People of any Denomination whatever, and are utterly at a loss to comprehend how the Prayer of our Petition could interfere with the Consciences of religious Men.

In our Petition we prayed the Honourable House in their Wisdom to recommend to their Constituents some general Plan of a Militia Law, which should equally extend to all the good People of this Province, and that any Indulgence which might be thought necessary to be granted by the Honourable House to any of the Freemen of the Province might be equally open to all, and granted upon such Terms as this Honourable House might think adequate to the many difficult and dangerous Services of those who are willing to hazard their Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of their Country.

How this Prayer, founded on the most certain and evident Principles of Equity and Justice, could be construed into and Endeavour to induce this Honourable House to enter into Measures manifestly repugnant to the Laws and Charter of

this Province, and which, if enforced, must subvert that most essential of all Privileges, Liberty of Conscience, surpasses all the Ideas we had ever formed of the Power of religious Prejudices.

That Religion which teaches to deny the Demand of Justice and Equity, cannot be of God; nor will the Conscience which is influenced thereby meet with his Approbation. Those who believe the Scriptures must acknowledge that Civil Government is of divine Institution, and the Support of it enjoined to Christians; and it is not consonant to the divine Wisdom to enjoin and forbid the same Thing at the same Time. As your Addressors have not pointed out any Law of the Province to which the Prayer of your Petitioners is so manifestly repugnant, we beg to be indulged with the Liberty of doubting the Existence of any such; and as to the Thirty-fifth Section of Laws agreed upon in *England* the Fifth Day of the Third Month, One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-two, we would pass it over as a Section which we apprehend none but your Addressors would apply to the present Purpose.

With Regard to Arguments drawn from our Charter we would observe, that the great Law of Self-preservation is equally binding with the Letter of written Charters; nor can it be supposed that a People will be reasoned out of their Liberty, and every Thing they hold dear, by an over-nice scanning of them.

Nevertheless, with Regard to that Clause of the Charter of Privileges on which they ultimately found their Claim to a total Exemption from contributing their just Proportion towards the public Expence incurred in Defence of our Privileges,

We would, with all due Submission and Deference, represent to this Honourable House, that the Honourable and Worthy Proprietor *William Penn* had no Right, Power or Authority to grant Privileges further than was granted to him by the Royal Charter, and that the Royal Prerogative of the King of *Great-Britain* does not comprehend any Right or Authority in the Crown to grant any Exemption from supporting the Constitution and Government to any Man or Set of Men, on any Pretence whatever. This is a Power unknown to the Crown, and therefore could never be granted by the King to the Worthy Proprietor who granted the Charter of Privileges.

Liberty of Conscience is so sacred a Thing that it ought ever to be preserved inviolate, and we will always rejoice to see any Body of Men assert their Right to it. But when,

under Pretence of this Liberty the very Existence of Civil Government is struck at, we beg Leave to represent that either the Liberty claimed must be given up or the Government dissolved; and this we apprehend to be the Case when any of the Members of a Community, from a Claim of Religious Liberty, refuse to support the Society to which they belong, and under which they claim this very Privilege.

That the Clause, which they quote, never did, nor could, extend to such Exemptions on any Pretence whatever, is plain from itself, because the Persons, who have a Right to claim the Liberty granted therein, are by that very Clause made to "profess themselves obliged to live quietly under the civil Government," which cannot possibly be when they refuse to support the Measures often necessary to its very Existence.

Moreover, it is plain that the worthy Proprietor, who granted this Charter, never meant nor intended any such Thing by the Liberty of Conscience therein mentioned, inasmuch as it would have been contrary to the 16th Section of the Royal Charter granted by the King, and accepted by the Proprietor, who, as they inform this Honourable House in their Address, was united with them in religious Profession and Principle, which is as follows: "And because in so remote a Country, and situate near many barbarous Nations, the Incursions, as well of the Savages themselves, as of other Enemies, Pirates and Robbers, may probably be feared; therefore we have given, and for us, our Heirs and Successors, do give Power by these Presents to the said *William Penn*, his Heirs and Assigns, by themselves or their Captains, or other their Officers, to levy, muster and train all Sorts of Men, of what Condition soever, or wheresoever born, in the said Province of *Pennsylvania*, for the Time being, and to make War, and to pursue the Enemies and Robbers aforesaid, as well by Sea as by Land, even without the Limits of the said Province, and, by God's Assistance, to vanquish to take them, and being taken, to put them to Death, by the Law of War, or to save them at their Pleasure, and to do all and every other Thing, which unto the Charge and Office of a Captain General of an Army belongeth, or hath accustomed to belong, as fully and freely as any Captain General of an Army hath ever had the same."

This Section of the Royal Charter, together with the Clause in the Charter of Privileges, which the Addressors have quoted, shew evidently that the Proprietor, *William Penn*, never intended to grant an Exemption from paying their just Pro-

portion towards the Support of any Power necessary for the good Government of the Province, whether Civil or Military, and therefore can, with no Degree of decent Modesty, be pleaded in the present, or any other Case of the same Kind. Besides it is well known, that no such Claim of Exemption, from contributing their just Proportion towards the Support of any Civil or Military Measure entered into for the maintaining of the Government against their external or internal Enemies, has ever been granted the Society, on account of any such Scruple of Conscience, in any Part of the *British* Empire, though, as the Addressors alledge, the Society has existed for upwards of an Hundred Years, during which Period it has been obliged to, and still does, pay Taxes, levied for the Purpose of defraying the Expences of Military Expeditions, both here and in *Europe*; nor do we recollect to have found the Payment of such Taxes on the List of Grievances annually made out by the Society, though they duly commemorate those to which the Clause in the Charter of Privileges is evidently directed.

Thus their own Practice becomes a strong Proof against them, and shews at least that, if their religious Principles are abridged, we are not the Authors of the Abridgement.—Our Petition is, that the Scale of Justice may hang even, and if there are such Consciences as scruple to have impartial Justice administered, we pray that this Honourable House may, in their Wisdom, discountenance them; for if such Scruples once obtain Favour from Government, it is plain who are most likely to claim and reap the Benefit of them.

We desire to conclude by assuring this Honourable House, that we are determined, to the utmost of our Power, to support the Liberties of *America*, and to inform them, that, as we ask no partial Favour for ourselves, so we request that it may not be granted to others: We therefore beg, that the Prayer of our Petition may obtain the most serious Attention of this Honourable House.

Signed by Order of the Committee,

WILLIAM ADCOCK, *President.*"

Ordered, That the Military Commissions sent to the House from the Congress be delivered by the Clerk of the House to the respective Officers.

Two Petitions from *George Hoffner* and *Benjamin Miller*, of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, praying Commissions in the Battalion to be raised in this Province. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Pursuant to the Order of *Friday* last, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the present critical State of this Province, and having spent some Time in the Perusal of the several Memorials, Petitions and other Papers referred to them, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Business before them, but not having come to any Result thereon, they requested Leave to sit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to, the House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Several Petitions, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Regulations heretofore prescribed by the Committee of Safety for the Associators of this Province have not had the desired Effect in the said County;—— that the Petitioners being impressed, at this Time of Difficulty and Danger, with the Necessity of regulating the Military Association of this Province, pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into their serious Consideration, and grant the Petitioners such Regulations as they (the Assembly) shall think most proper.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of the whole House.

The Order of the Forenoon being read,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Papers referred to them, and after further Deliberation thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business before them, but not being ready to report thereon, the Committee requested Leave to sit again in the Morning.

Ordered, That the said Committee have Leave to sit accordingly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 1, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Representation from the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said Committee having been informed that the late Honourable House had on the 30th of *June* last, ordered Fifteen Hundred Stand of Arms for this City and County, used their Influence, with the most considerable Gunsmiths, to forbear engaging any Work to go out of the Province, until the said Arms shall be compleated, which they readily agreed to, in

Expectation of being employed in making the said Arms;—— that having had some Reason to fear the necessary Vigilance had not been used by the Commissioners and Assessors, in the Discharge of their Trust, and apprehending it to be their Duty so to do, applied to them to know whether the said Arms had been provided; to which Application they have received no satisfactory Answer, at which many of their Fellow-Citizens have expressed great Uneasiness;—that the said Committee are well assured there are divers able Gunsmiths now unemployed, and the pressing Necessity of the Times making the least Delay extremely dangerous:—They therefore do most earnestly pray the Honourable House will appoint some Persons to procure the said Arms, who will give the necessary Attention to that important Duty.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Order of last Night being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the State of the Province, and after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business before them, but not having finished their Deliberations thereon, they desired Leave to sit again in the Afternoon, and the same being agreed to, the House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Barrack-Master do forthwith put the Barracks near this City, into proper Repair for receiving the Troops now raising in this Province; and that the said Barrack-Master do in future receive and comply with such Orders from the Committee of Safety as they may find necessary to issue for quartering Troops in the said Barracks.

The Order of the Forenoon being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the State of this Province, and having spent some Time therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had not yet concluded their Deliberations on the Business referred to them, and desired Leave to sit again To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Committee do sit again accordingly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 2, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That this House will take into their Considera-

tion To-morrow Morning the Appointment of Delegates to serve in the Continental Congress on the Part of this Province.

The Order of last Night being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Circumstances of the Province, and after further Debate thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had not yet come to a full Result on the Business before them, and requested Leave to sit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to, the House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Order of the Forenoon being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the present State of the Province, and after some Time spent in the Consideration thereof, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had made some further Progress in the Business referred to them, but not being prepared to report thereon, they requested Leave to sit again To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Committee do sit again accordingly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 3, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, respecting the Arms that were ordered to be provided by the late Assembly for this City and County, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Potts*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Grubb*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to enquire what Progress has been made by the Commissioners and Assessors of the several Counties in procuring Arms for the public Use, and report thereon to the House.

A Petition from *Thomas Ryerson*, lately appointed an Ensign in the Battalion now raising in this Province, for Leave to resign his Commission, and another Petition from *John Bankson* of this City, praying to be appointed to the Vacancy, having been presented to the House and considered,

Resolved, That the said *John Bankson* be, and he is hereby appointed, an Ensign in the said Battalion, and recommended to the Continental Congress to be commissioned accordingly.

Pursuant to the Resolution of Yesterday, the House took

into Consideration the Appointment of Representatives for this Province in the Continental Congress, and after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration To-morrow.

The Order of last Night, for the Committee of the whole House to sit again this Morning, being called for and read, was postponed to the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Order of the Day being read,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the present State of the Province, and after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had proceeded further in the Business before them, but not being yet prepared to report thereon, they requested Leave to sit again To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee sit again accordingly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 4, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Appointment of Delegates for this Province in Congress,

Resolved, That the Honourable *John Morton*, Speaker, *John Dickinson*, *Robert Morris*, *Benjamin Franklin*, *Charles Humphreys*, *Edward Biddle*, *Thomas Willing*, *Andrew Allen* and *James Wilson*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, Delegates for this Province in the Continental Congress.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter of the 1st Instant, from *Christopher Witman*, Esq; Chairman of the *Berks* County Committee, on a Matter of public Concern, which was read by Order, and referred to the Committee of Safety.

A Resolve from the Honourable Continental Congress, by two of their Members, was laid before the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

In CONGRESS, *November* 4, 1775.

THE Congress considering that the most perfect Union, between all the Colonies, is essentially necessary for the Preservation of the just Rights of *North-America*, and being apprehensive that there is great Danger of Hostilities being commenced, at or near *Wyoming*, between the Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania* and those of *Connecticut*.

Resolved, That the Assemblies of the said Colonies be requested to take the most speedy and effectual Steps to prevent such Hostilities.

Ordered, That *Thomas M'Kean* and *Silas Dean*, Esquires, wait upon the Honourable House of Assembly of *Pennsylvania* with a Copy of the above Resolution.

By Order of Congress,
JOHN HANCOCK, *President*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson* and Mr. *Humphreys* make Enquiry upon what Information the above Resolve is founded, and report the same to the House on *Monday* next.

An Account of Mr. *Ross's* Attendance in Congress, amounting to *Thirty-four Pounds*, being presented at the Table, an Order was drawn on Mr. *Hillegas* for Payment of the same.

The Order of last Night, for the Committee of the whole House to sit again this Morning, was read, and postponed to *Tuesday* next.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

November 6, 1775.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 7, 1775.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Order of *Friday* last for the Committee of the whole House to sit again this Morning, being called for, and read, was postponed till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

An Address or Declaration signed by divers Persons in Behalf of the Society of *Menonists* and *German Baptists* in this Province, was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

IN the first Place we acknowledge us indebted to the most high God, who created Heaven and Earth, the only good Being, to thank him for all his great Goodness and manifold Mercies and Love through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is come to save the Souls of Men, having all Power in Heaven and on Earth.

Further we find ourselves indebted to be thankful to our late worthy Assembly, for their giving so good an Advice in these troublesome Times to all Ranks of People in *Pennsylvania*, particularly in allowing those, who, by the Doctrine of our Saviour Jesus Christ, are persuaded in their Consciences to love their Enemies, and not to resist Evil, to enjoy the Liberty of their Consciences, for which, as also

for all the good Things we enjoyed under their Care, we heartily thank that worthy Body of Assembly, and all high and low in Office, who have advised to such a peaceful Measure, hoping and confiding that they, and all others entrusted with Power in this hitherto blessed Province, may be moved by the same Spirit of Grace, which animated the first Founder of this Province, our late worthy Proprietor *William Penn*, to grant Liberty of Conscience to all its Inhabitants, that they may in the great and memorable Day of Judgement be put on the right Hand of that just Judge, who judgeth without Respect of Person, and hear of him these blessed Words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom, prepared for you, *&c.* What ye have done unto one of the least of these my Brethren, ye have done unto me," among which Number *(i. e.* the least of CHRIST'S Brethren) we by his Grace hope to be ranked; and every Lenity and Favour shewn to such tender conscienced, although weak. Followers of this our blessed Saviour, will not be forgotten by him in that great Day.

The Advice to those who do not find Freedom of Conscience to take up Arms, that they ought to be helpful to those who are in Need and distressed Circumstances, we receive with Chearfulness towards all Men of what Station they may be—it being our Principle to feed the Hungry and give the Thirsty Drink;—we have dedicated ourselves to serve all Men in every Thing that can be helpful to the Preservation of Men's Lives, but we find no Freedom in giving, or doing, or assisting in any Thing by which Men's Lives are destroyed or hurt. —We beg the Patience of all those who believe we err in this Point.

We are always ready, according to CHRIST'S Command to *Peter*, to pay the Tribute, that we may offend no Man, and so we are willing to pay Taxes, and to render unto *Caesar* those Things that are *Caesar's*, and to GOD those Things that are GOD'S, although we think ourselves very weak to give GOD his due Honour, he being a Spirit and Life, and we only Dust and Ashes.

We are also willing to be subject to the higher Powers, and to give in the Manner *Paul* directs us;—for he beareth the Sword not in vain, for he is the Minister of GOD, a Revenger to execute Wrath upon him that doeth Evil.

This Testimony we lay down before our worthy Assembly, and all other Persons in Government, letting them know that we are thankful as above-mentioned, and that we are not at Liberty in Conscience to take up Arms to conquer our

Enemies, but rather to pray to God, who has Power in Heaven and Earth, for us and them.

We also crave the Patience of all the Inhabitants of this Country,—what they think to see clearer in the Doctrine of the blessed Jesus Christ, we will leave to them and God, finding ourselves very poor; for Faith is to proceed out of the Word of God, which is Life and Spirit, and a Power of God, and our Consciences is to be instructed by the same, therefore we beg for Patience.

Our small Gift, which we have given, we gave to those who have Power over us, that we may not offend them, as Christ taught us by the Tribute Penny.

We heartily pray, that God would govern all Hearts of our Rulers, be they high or low, to meditate those good Things which will pertain to our and their Happiness."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Dickinson* reported, that, in Pursuance of the Order of *Saturday* last, Mr. *Humphreys* and himself had made Enquiry upon what Ground the Congress were apprehensive that Hostilities will be commenced at or near *Wyoming* between the Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania* and those of *Connecticut*, and expect to be enabled to report an Answer to the House To-morrow, as that Matter is then to come under Consideration in Congress.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to prepare and report to the House a Draught of Instructions for the Delegates appointed to serve in Congress on the Part of this Province.

The Order of the Forenoon being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the State of the Province, and after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had concluded their Deliberations on the Matters referred to them, and having come to some Resolutions thereon, he was directed to report the same whenever the House shall be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Resolutions of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Pearson*, then (according to Order) reported the said Resolutions, which he first read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Table, where the same being again read by Order, and, in Part, considered by the House, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 8, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *George Jacob Houseman* was referred for Enquiry, reported, "That they had attended at the Gaol of this City, and heared the Petitioner, with such of his Creditors as appeared, and are of Opinion, that he is a proper Object of the Relief he solicits."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the said Petitioner and others recommended to the Notice of this House by the late Assembly.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolves of the Committee of the whole House, which being severally read and approved, were adopted by the House, and follow in these Words, *viz.*

Resolved, 1. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all reasonable Charges hitherto incurred by the Associators for the Defence of this Province, in procuring Drums and Colours, and paying Adjutants, Fugal-Men, Drummers and Fifers, ought to be allowed, and repaid them.

Resolved, 2. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the military Association entered into for the Defence of this Province, ought to be continued, encouraged and supported.

Resolved, 3. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it be recommended to all Male white Persons within this Province, between the Ages of Sixteen and Fifty Years, who have not already associated, and are not conscientiously scrupulous of bearing Arms, to join the said Association immediately.

Resolved, 4. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that certain Rules and Regulations for the Government of the said Associators are necessary.

Resolved, 5. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Male white Persons between the Ages aforesaid, capable of bearing Arms, who shall not associate for the Defence of this Province, ought to contribute an Equivalent to the Time spent by the Associators in acquiring the military Discipline, Ministers of the Gospel of all Denominations, and Servants purchased *bona fide*, and for valuable Consideration, only excepted.

Resolved, 6. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it be recommended to the Committee of Safety to give Orders for erecting a Magazine or Magazines in different Places as soon as the Season will allow, for the greater Security of the Ammunition belonging to the Province.

Resolved, 7. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of *Eighty Thousand Pounds* be immediately struck in Bills of Credit, for answering the present Exigencies of the Province.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to prepare a Set of Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the military Association in this Province; and that the said Committee do also essay a Draught of Resolutions, directing the Manner of levying Taxes on Non-Associators, determining their Mode of Appeal, and how the said Taxes shall be collected and applied.

An Address from the Committee of the County of *York* was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 9, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter received last Night by a Vessel from *London*, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

HONOURABLE SIR, *London, September* 2, 1775.

ON the Twenty-first of last Month, we sent to the Secretary of State for *America* a Copy of the Petition from the General Congress; and Yesterday, the first Moment that was permitted us, we presented to him the Original, which his Lordship promised to deliver to the King.

We thought it our Duty to press his Lordship to obtain an Answer; but we are told, that, as his Majesty did not receive it on the Throne, no Answer would be given.

We have the Honour of being, HONOURABLE SIR,

Your most faithful Servants,

RICHARD PENN,
ARTHUR LEE."

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Instructions for the Delegates of this Province in Congress, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read, and considered, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

"GENTLEMEN,

THE Trust reposed in you is of such a Nature, and the Modes of executing it may be so diversified in the Course of

your Deliberations, that it is scarcely possible to give you particular Instructions respecting it.

We therefore, in general, direct, that you, or any Four of you, meet in Congress the Delegates of the several Colonies now assembled in this City, and any such Delegates as may meet in Congress next Year; that you consult together on the present critical and alarming State of public Affairs; that you exert your utmost Endeavours to agree upon, and recommend, such Measures as you shall judge to afford the best Prospect of obtaining Redress of *American* Grievances, and restoring that Union and Harmony between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies so essential to the Welfare and Happiness of both Countries.

Though the oppressive Measures of the *British* Parliament and Administration have compelled us to resist their Violence by Force of Arms, yet we strictly enjoin you, that you, in Behalf of this Colony, dissent from, and utterly reject, any Propositions, should such be made, that may cause, or lead to, a Separation from our Mother Country, or a Change of the Form of this Government.

You are directed to make Report of your Proceedings to this House.

Signed by Order of the House,

November 9, 1775. JOHN MORTON, *Speaker.*"

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

November 10, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Resolve from the Honourable Continental Congress, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

"*RESOLVED,*

THAT it be recommended to the Assemblies, Conventions and Committees of Safety of the Thirteen United Colonies, to appoint certain Persons within each of the said Colonies, whose Business it shall be to employ and set to work as many Persons as they may think proper, both to work up such Earth as is now fit for making Saltpetre, and to collect together, and place in Beds or Walls, under Sheds, all such Earth and Composition of Materials as are suitable to produce Saltpetre, after being duly exposed to the Air, in order to increase the Produce of it; and that the Delegates of the respective Colonies be directed to send this Resolve, together with the Resolve of last Session, respecting Saltpetre-making, to their

respective Colonies, and cause them to be printed and made public there.

Extract from the Minutes,
CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary.*"

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of certain insolvent Debtors, who have petitioned for the Discharge of their Persons from Imprisonment, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented at the Table, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Progress made in the manufacturing of Saltpetre in this Province, presented at the Table a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

YOUR Committee have viewed the Buildings erected by Order of the Committee of Inspection, on a Lot of Ground in *Market-Street*, and also sundry Conveniences and Utensils placed there for the Purpose of making Saltpetre, and are sorry to find that it has not yet been attended with the desired Success;—but the Gentlemen who superintended this Work, are of Opinion, the Manufacture may be carried on there to good Effect, if supported with the necessary Funds, as they have now employed a Person that *certainly* understands the Business, and the Quantity of Saltpetre to be made, will depend on and be proportioned to the Sum employed.

Your Committee also report, that *Baltis Moudy* has made in a few Weeks a considerable Quantity of Saltpetre at *York-Town*, Part whereof has been delivered to the Committee of Safety, and is very good in Quality; the Remainder is soon expected down.—The said *Moudy*, being the Person now employed at the above Works, gives Assurances of producing the said Article very fast, as he finds Plenty of impregnated Materials in this City.

Your Committee are also informed of other Persons in the Province, who understand making Saltpetre, and are willing to engage therein on meeting with suitable Encouragement.

It seems therefore absolutely necessary that such Encouragement should be given, and the greatest Pains taken to establish so useful a Manufacture in this Province.

Your Committee do therefore recommend to the Consideration of the House,

First, Whether it would not be proper to take the Works already erected in this City under their Direction for the public Benefit?

Secondly, Whether it might not be of great Use to offer, by Vote, a good Price for all Saltpetre made in this Province within Twelve Months from this Time?

Thirdly, Whether it would not be a great Encouragement to individuals to attempt making Saltpetre, if Premiums were ordered by the House to be paid to those who shall produce the greatest Quantity during the next Twelve Months?

Fourthly, Whether it may not be of public Utility to direct proper Persons to be instructed by the said *Moudy* in the Art of making Saltpetre?

Fifthly, Whether the said *Moudy* should not be rewarded for giving such Instruction?—and also, Whether he is not already entitled to Encouragement from the Public, as the first Person who has produced a considerable Quantity of Saltpetre in the Province?

MATTHIAS SLOUGH, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
MICHAEL SWOOPE, GEORGE GRAY,
November 10, 1775. JOHN MONTGOMERY, JOHN BROWN,
BARNARD DOUGHERTY, ISAAC PEARSON."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 11, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Samuel Penrose*, Tenant on the *Province Island*, with some Accounts of Damages suffered at the said Island by the late Storm, and the Expence of repairing the same, was presented to the House and read, praying an Allowance for his Losses. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

An Account of Bedding, Furniture, *&c.* in the Barracks of this City, taken by Order of the Committee of Safety, being laid before the House, and a great Deficiency appearing in most of the Articles,

Ordered, That the Barrack-Master do forthwith provide, under the Direction of the Committee of Safety, a further Number of Beds, Blankets and other necessary Furniture in the said Barracks, for the Use of the Troops in the Pay of this Province.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

November 13, 1775.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 14, 1775.

Mr. Speaker with Twenty-four Members, met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night, and a Quorum being still wanting, they adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-six Members, met this Afternoon; and a Number sufficient to proceed on Business not attending, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 15, 1775.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Set of Rules and Regulations for the military Association in this Province, and to essay a Draught of Resolutions for levying Taxes on Non-Associators, directing the Mode of their Appeal, and how the said Taxes shall be collected and applied, reported Essays for those Purposes, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Miles* and Mr. *Pearson*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to draw up and bring in Resolves for striking the Sum of *Eighty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, agreeable to a late Resolution of the Committee of the whole House.

On Motion made, and seconded, whether the House will this Afternoon take into Consideration, and recommend to the Congress, suitable Persons for Field-Officers of the Battalion now raising in this Province, the Question was put by the Speaker, and *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Forenoon, the House taking into Consideration the Petitions of the several Persons who have applied to be recommended to the Congress for Field-Officers of the Battalion now raising in this Province,

Resolved, That *John Bull*, Esq; be, and he is hereby recommended to the Honourable Continental Congress for Colonel, *James Irwin*, Esq; for Lieutenant-Colonel, and *Anthony James Morris*, Esq; for Major, of the said Battalion.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 16, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Provincial Taxes was again read, and the House taking into Consideration the Debts now outstanding,

Ordered, That the several County Treasurers do forthwith pay the respective Balances in their Hands into the Provincial Treasury; and that the Commissioners of each County do settle their Accounts of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax now to be levied, with their respective Treasurers, that the same may be laid before the Committee of Accounts in *September* next, for their final Settlement.

Ordered, That a Copy of the above Order be transmitted by the Clerk of this House to the Board of Commissioners in each County without Delay.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Rules and Regulations brought in for the better Government of the military Association in this Province, and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 17, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, George Jacob Hausman, Richard Ray *and* Francis Owens, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, and* James Mackey, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Northumberland *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Resolves for striking the Sum of *Eighty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the military Association in this Province, and after some Time spent therein, the following Questions were called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

First, Whether the Associators shall meet Two and Twenty times from this Day to the 14th of *October* next, for their Improvement in military Discipline?

YEAS.

Mr. *Dickinson*,	Mr. *Bartholomew*,
Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Slough*,
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Potts*,	Mr. *Swoope*,
Mr. *Miles*,	Mr. *Montgomery*,
Mr. *Parker*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Morris*,	Mr. *Dougherty*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Roberts*,	Mr. *Brown*,
Mr. *Rodman*,	Mr. *Jenks*,
Mr. *Haney*,	Mr. *Pearson*,
Mr. *Wynkoop*,	Mr. *Jacobs*,
Mr. *Foulke*,	Mr. *Humphreys*,
Mr. *Chapman*,	Mr. *Pyle*,
Mr. *Twining*,	Mr. *Webb*.

The House dividing equally on the above Question, the casting Vote was given by the Speaker in the Negative.

Secondly, Whether the Associators shall meet Twenty times for the above Purpose, within the Times aforesaid?

YEAS.

Mr. *Dickinson*,	Mr. *Bartholomew*,
Mr. *Hillegas*,	Mr. *Slough*,
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Potts*,	Mr. *Swoope*,
Mr. *Miles*,	Mr. *Montgomery*,
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Mr. *Foulke*,	Mr. *Humphreys*,
Mr. *Chapman*,	Mr. *Pyle*,
Mr. *Twining*,	Mr. *Webb*.

The Members being again equally divided, the casting Vote was given by the Speaker in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 18, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and took into Consideration the Resolves brought in by the Committee for striking the Sum of *Eighty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, which being again read, were, after some Additions, agreed to, and follow in these Words, *viz.*

Resolved, 1. That Bills of Credit, to the Value of *Eighty Thousand Pounds*, shall on or before the Twentieth Day of *December* next be prepared and printed on good strong Paper, under the Care and Direction of *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, Esquires, or any Three of them; the Charge of which to be defrayed out of the Bills

hereby to be emitted; which Bills shall be made and prepared in Manner and Form following, *viz.*

————*according to the Resolves of the Assembly of* Pennsylvania, *of the* 18*th Day of* November, *in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of his Majesty* George *the Third. Dated at* Philadelphia, *the* 8*th Day of* December, 1775.

And the said Bills shall have such Escutcheons and Devices as the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson,* or any Three of them, shall think proper;—each of which Bills shall be of the several and respective Denominations following, and no other, *viz.*

Sixteen Thousand of the same Bills of the Sum of *Forty Shillings.*

Sixteen Thousand of the same Bills of the Sum of *Thirty Shillings.*

Sixteen Thousand of the same Bills of the Sum of *Twenty Shillings.*

And Sixteen Thousand of the same Bills of the Sum of *Ten Shillings.*

And the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson,* or any Three of them, shall use their best Care, Attention and Diligence during the Printing of the said Bills, that the Number and Amount thereof, according to the respective Denominations aforesaid, be not exceeded, nor any clandestine or fraudulent Practice used by the Printer, his Servants, or other Persons concerned therein.

Resolved, 2. That for perfecting the said Bills, all and every of them shall be signed by Three of the Persons hereafter named; that is to say, *Matthew Clarkson, William Smith,* Broker, *Joseph Redman, William Crispin, Thomas Leech, William Kenly, Josiah Hewes, Andrew Tybout, George Douglas, Charles Moore, Thomas Moore, Abel Evans, Peter Thomson, Samuel Cadwalader Morris, Cornelius Barnes, Sketchley Morton, Elisha Price* and *Nicholas Fairlamb,* Gentlemen, who are hereby nominated and appointed to be Signers of the said Bills, and shall, before they receive or sign any of the said Bills, take an Oath or Affirmation to the following Effect, *viz.*

"That they shall well and truly sign and number all the Bills of Credit that shall come to their Hands for that Purpose, and the same, when so signed and numbered, will deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson,* or any Three of them."

Resolved, 3. That for avoiding the Danger of Embezzle-

ment or Misapplication of any of the said Bills of Credit, the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any Three of them, after the said Bills are printed, shall deliver them to the said Signers, to be signed and numbered by Parcels, for which the said Signers, or some of them, shall give their Receipt; that is to say, *Two Thousand Pounds* Value in the said Bills at one Time, and so from Time to Time, until all the said Bills of Credit shall be signed and numbered, in such Manner that not more than the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds* shall remain in such Signers Hands at any one Time; of all which said Bills of Credit, so delivered to be signed, a true Account shall be kept by the Signers, who, upon their Re-delivery of each or any Parcel of the said Bills by them signed and numbered, shall take the Receipt of the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any Three of them, to charge them before any Committee of Assembly to be appointed for that Purpose. And each of the said Signers shall receive *Ten Shillings* for every Thousand of the said Bills by them signed and numbered; and each of the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson* shall have and receive for their Trouble the Sum of *Ten Shillings per Diem*; and the Treasurer hereafter appointed, for receiving and paying the said Bills of Credit, shall have and receive *Five Shillings* for every *Hundred Pounds*, and no more; to be paid out of the Bills of Credit hereby ordered to be emitted.

Resolved, 4. That after the said Bills shall be signed, numbered and perfected, the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any Three of them, shall deliver them to *Michael Hillegas*, Esquire, who is hereby appointed Treasurer for this Purpose, and take his Receipt or Receipts for the same, who shall pay off and discharge out of the said Bills of Credit all such Draughts and Certificates as shall be made by Order of the Assembly, or the Committee of Safety of this Province.

Resolved, 5. That the Treasurer aforesaid shall give Bond, with two sufficient Sureties, to *John Morton*, Esquire, in the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds*, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in him.

And for the more certain paying, redeeming, discharging and sinking the said Bills of Credit hereby emitted,

Resolved, 6. That a Tax shall be raised and levied by the respective Commissioners and Assessors of the several Counties within this Province on the same Persons and Property, in the same Proportion and in the same Manner and Mode

as the Provincial Tax by the Laws now in Force is raised, levied and recovered, and shall be paid by the respective County Treasurers to the Treasurer for the Time being, appointed or to be appointed for that Purpose; which said Tax shall commence immediately after sinking the *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds*, issued by the Resolutions of the late Assembly, on the Thirtieth Day of *June* last, which Tax, for the Purpose aforesaid, the several Commissioners and Assessors are enjoined and required to raise, levy and recover, and cause to be paid to the Treasurer aforesaid, as they regard the Freedom, Welfare and Safety of their Country.

Resolved, 7. That the Treasurer appointed as aforesaid, or his Successor, shall yearly and every Year pay into the Hands of the Committees of Assembly appointed to audit and settle the public Accounts, all such Sum and Sums of Money in the Bills of Credit of the *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds* emitted as aforesaid, and of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* hereby to be emitted; which Sums so paid, the said Committees are hereby enjoined and required to burn, sink and destroy. And the said Treasurer, when required, shall also lay his Accounts before the Assembly or the said Committees for their Inspection and Settlement.

Resolved, 8. That the Sum of *Five Shillings*, for every *Hundred Pounds*, be allowed to the said *Michael Hillegas* for his Commissions as Treasurer of the *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds* issued by the Resolutions of the late Assembly of this Province; also *Ten Shillings per Diem* to each Member of the Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of the said *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds*, and *Ten Shillings* for every Thousand Bills to each Signer of the same, to be paid out of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* to be hereby emitted.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Rules and Regulations before them for the better Government of the military Association in this Province, and after further Debate thereon, and some Additions and Amendments proposed by the Members, adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

November 20, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter just received from *Thomas Mifflin*, Esquire, dated at *Cambridge*, the 12th Instant, "requesting the Speaker to make his respectful Compliments to the House, and to inform them, that it is not in his Power to serve as a Member of their Body this Year, and desiring, that his Election may be therefore considered as void."

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That in the Absence of the President and Vice-President, any Seven, or more, of the Committee of Safety being met, may chuse a Chairman for the Time, in Place of the President and Vice-President so absent.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, George Jacob Hausman, Richard Ray *and* Francis Owens, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol* of Philadelphia *County, and* James Mackey, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Northumberland *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Jacobs* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 21, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed last Night, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the military Association in this Province, and having gone through the same, ordered them to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Articles of Association in this Province, and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 22, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, George Jacob Hausman, Richard Ray *and* Francis Owens, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, and* James Mackey, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Northumberland *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Dougherty* wait on the Governor, and request to know at what Time the House shall attend him to pass the said Bill into a Law.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Articles of Association in this Province, and having gone through the same, ordered them to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would meet the House in the Council-Chamber at Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning, to enact into a Law the Bill returned with his Assent.

A Representation from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, "That the late Honourable House of Assembly having thought proper to emit *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds* for public Use, the same was generally received by the Inhabitants of this Province in Payment, and met with the usual Currency; but that the Committee are now greatly concerned to find that some Persons not sufficiently attending to the Importance of preserving public Credit at this critical Juncture, scruple receiving the Bills of the above Emission, by which Means there is the utmost Reason to fear a Depreciation, and consequently the public Interest materially injured;—that in particular, the Persons referred to in the annexed Papers, have refused receiving the Bills of Credit of this Province of the above Emission;—that the Committee not doubting the Zeal and Attachment of the House to the great and important Concerns of this Province, beg Leave to solicit their Attention to this Matter, and pray that they will take such Steps as they may judge will have the best Tendency to remedy and prevent this Evil." *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province, and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 23, 1775.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Samuel Hunter*, Esq; and others, of the County of *Northumberland*, dated *Sunbury*, the 20th Instant, acquainting the House that two of the Magistrates and the Sheriff of the said County had lately had an Interview with *Zebulon Buttler*, and some others of the principal Men among the *Connecticut* Settlers at *Wyoming*, had read the late Resolves of this Assembly to them, and enquired, whether they would peaceably submit themselves to

the Laws of *Pennsylvania*;—to which they answered, they despised the Laws of that Province, and never would submit to them, unless compelled by Force; and that if the Government of the said Province thought it advisable to use such Means with them, they should be ready to meet them at any Hour they pleased;—that the said Magistrates and Sheriff having received a great deal of threatening and abusive Language from the common People, returned Home by another Way, apprehending that if they came back the same Road they had gone up, it must be with great Risk to their Lives.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message by the SECRETARY.

"SIR,

"The Governor is at the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the Speaker, and the House to enact into a Law the Bill to which he has given his Assent."

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Montgomery* see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bill after it is passed into a Law, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor, and presented a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, George Jacob Hausman, Richard Ray *and* Francis Owens, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, and* James Mackey, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Northumberland *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," to which his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into a Law.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Law above-mentioned, and to deposite the same in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service according to Order.

Upon Motion by a Member,

That the old Gaol is so much out of Repair as to be an unsafe Place for keeping the Prisoners committed to it, and from the late Encrease of Prisoners, is also become too small to hold them with any Convenience;—that as the new Gaol is nearly finished, it is wished the House would give Orders to have it completed as soon as possible, for the safer Keeping and better Accommodation of the said Prisoners.—

Ordered that the said Motion be referred for Consideration till the Afternoon.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province, and after a Debate of considerable Length, adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 24, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Serjeant at Arms producing to the House an Account of *Four Pounds Seventeen Shillings* and *Six-pence* for giving Notice to certain absent Members to attend the public Service,

Ordered, That the same be paid by the Clerk out of the Money in his Hands.

The House having taken into Consideration the Representation from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, respecting the Refusal of some Persons to receive the Bills of Credit lately issued in this Province,

Resolved, That any Person refusing to receive in Payment any of the Bills of Credit emitted by the Resolutions of the late or present House of Assembly, thereby endeavours to injure the Currency of the said Bills, and as such Conduct has a manifest Tendency to obstruct the public Measures for defending the Freedom, and promoting the Welfare and Safety of this Country, such Person ought therefore to be deemed inimical to the Liberties of *America*.

The House again took up the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province, and having made further Progress in the Consideration thereof, adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Jacobs*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to examine and adjust the Accounts of the several Battalions of Associators in this Province; and that they have Power to draw Orders for Payment of the same upon *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; which he is required to pay out of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* ordered to be struck and emitted by the Resolutions of this House.

Resolved, That the said Committee be directed to make particular Enquiry concerning the Contributions made by the People called *Menonists*, *Omish Menonists* and *Sunday Bap-*

tists in *Lancaster* County, in Pursuance of the Recommendations of the late House of Assembly on the Thirtieth of *June* last, and report to this House at their next Meeting, how much of the said Contributions has been paid for the Use of any, and what Battalion or Company of Associators in that County; and the said Committee are also directed not to draw any Order in Favour of such Battalion or Company, until they receive further Directions from this House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition and Account from *Benjamin Loxley*, and referred the same to the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Battalions in this Province, who are directed to draw an Order on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for Payment of the Balance they shall find due on the said Account.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Morris*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise and correct the Minutes of this House before they are printed.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *Christopher Tully* was again read, and, after some Debate,

Ordered. That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Miles* be a Committee to enquire whether the said *Tully* first introduced the Machine he describes, into this Province, and whether it is likely to be of any, and what Service to the Public.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Letter from *Thomas Mifflin*, Esq; requesting that his Election to a Seat in this House may be considered as void,

Resolved, That the Seat of the said Member be vacated accordingly, and that the Speaker do issue his Order for a new Election before the next Meeting of this House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province, which being gone through, were ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

November 25, 1775.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Letter from *Northumberland* County respecting the *Connecticut* Settlers at *Wyoming*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Potts* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor with the said Letter, and request he will be pleased to give Orders for a due Execution of the Laws of this Province in the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*.

Ordered, That the said Members acquaint his Honour, the House have agreed to adjourn to *Monday* the Twelfth of *February* next if he has no Objection thereto.

Upon Consideration of the Motion of the Twenty-third Instant,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Commissioners of the County of *Philadelphia* to finish the new Gaol as speedily as may be, and that the Prisoners be removed thither without Loss of Time.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That Mr. *Slough* and Mr. *Webb* be requested to have such Repairs made at the *Lancaster* Barracks as appear to be immediately necessary, and lay an Account of the Expence before the House.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the *Northumberland* Letter, and the verbal Messages of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Objection to the Adjournment proposed by the House.

Upon Consideration of the Petition from *Petapanihila*, (alias *George Allen)* an *Indian*, who has distinguished himself by his Fidelity to this Province for many Years past,

Resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the said *Indian*, and that Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Miles* be requested to lay out the same for him in such Goods and other Necessaries as may be most useful to him.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

An Account of Mr. *Dickinson's* Attendance to the Time of the last Appointment of Delegates for this Province in Congress, being laid before the House, an Order was drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for *One Hundred* and *Seven Pounds*, in Payment of the said Account.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Manufacture of Saltpetre, and having spent some Time therein,

Resolved, That this House will take the Saltpetre Works erected in this City into their Care, and under their Direction.

Resolved, That *Owen Biddle*, *David Rittenhouse* and *Peter Dehaven*, Gentlemen, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to superintend the said Works.

Resolved, That the said Committee may remove the Works for making Saltpetre, or any Part of them, to any other Lot in or near this City, if they shall be of Opinion that it will be more suitable for that Purpose than the Lot on which they are now placed.

Resolved, That the said Committee may draw Orders on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for any Sum not exceeding *Five Hundred Pounds* for carrying on the said Works, which he is hereby directed to pay out of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* ordered to be struck and emitted by the Resolutions of this House.

Resolved, That the said Committee keep regular Accounts of the Money they shall so draw for, and lay the same before the Assembly or any Committee thereof whenever they shall be required.

Resolved, That the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds* be paid for every Hundred Weight of good merchantable Saltpetre that shall be made and manufactured in this Province, and delivered to the Committee of Safety within the Space of Twelve Months from this Time.

Resolved, That the said Committee draw an Order on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for *Twenty-five Pounds* payable to *Baltis Moody*, as a Premium for the Saltpetre he has already made, and a further Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds*, over and above his Wages, when he shall have fully instructed such Persons as the Committee shall put under his Direction, in the Method of making Saltpetre.

The Committee appointed to inquire what Progress has been made by the Commissioners and Assessors of the several Counties in providing the Arms directed for public Use by the late Assembly, reported, "That they have been attended by one of the Commissioners and one of the Assessors of *Philadelphia* County, and informed by them, that they have entered into Contracts with different People for making the Arms intended for this County, and have used every Means in their Power to forward the same since the Pattern was delivered to them—that the Committee are also informed, Agreements have been made by the Commissioners of the Counties of *Bucks*, *Chester*, *Lancaster*, *York*, *Cumberland*, *Berks*, *Northampton*, *Bedford*, and *Westmoreland*, for the Arms and Accoutrements ordered for those Counties, in some of which they are nearly completed; but they have not yet heard what has been done in respect to this Business by the Commissioners of *Northumberland*, to whom the Pattern was sent by the Committee of Safety in common with the rest."

Submitted to the House by

November 25, 1775.

MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
JOHN JACOBS,
THOMAS POTTS,
CURTIS GRUBB,
SAMUEL MILES,
MICHAEL SWOOPE,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
HENRY CHREIST,
BENJAM. BARTHOLOMEW."

The Articles of Association in *Pennsylvania*,—the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the said Association,—and the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in the said Province, being all transcribed according to Order, were again read, agreed to by the House, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

RULES *and* REGULATIONS *for the better Government of the* MILITARY ASSOCIATION *in* Pennsylvania.

First, ALL Officers chosen or appointed in Batallions that were formed before the First Day of *October* last, in the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*, to take Rank or Precedence of all other Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other Part of the Province.

Second, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Philadelphia* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other County.

Third, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Bucks* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other than the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

Fourth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Chester* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity chosen or appointed in any other than *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, and *Philadelphia* City, the District of *Southwark* and Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

Fifth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Lancaster* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other than *Chester*, *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, and the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

Sixth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *York* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in any other than *Lancaster*, *Chester*, *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, *Philadelphia* City, the District *of Southwark* and Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

Seventh, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Cumberland* County, to

rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in the junior Counties of *Berks, Northampton, Bedford, Northumberland* and *Westmoreland.*

Eighth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October,* as aforesaid, in *Berks* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in the Counties of *Northampton, Bedford, Northumberland* and *Westmoreland.*

Ninth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October,* as aforesaid, in *Northampton* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Bedford, Northumberland* and *Westmoreland* Counties.

Tenth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October,* as aforesaid, in *Bedford* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland* Counties.

Eleventh, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October,* as aforesaid, in *Northumberland* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Westmoreland* County.

Twelfth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October,* as aforesaid, in *Westmoreland,* the youngest or last made County in this Province, to yield up Rank or Precedence to all Officers of equal Dignity chosen or appointed in every other County in this Province before the said First Day of *October,* as aforesaid.

Thirteenth, Where Commissions of equal Dignity in different Counties bear the same Date, Precedency to be determined by Seniority of Counties, but where they are in the same County, by the Rank of the Batallion.

Fourteenth, The Colonels chosen or appointed in the City of *Philadelphia,* the District of *Southwark* and the Townships of the *Northern Liberties, Moyamensing* and *Passyunk,* having already determined their Ranks with respect to each other by Lot, their and the other Field-Officers Commissions will be dated according to the Lot so drawn.

Fifteenth, The Colonels chosen or appointed in every County before the said First Day of *October,* are to determine their Rank with respect to each other (where not already done) by Lot, and Commissions for them and their respective Field-Officers will be dated accordingly.

Sixteenth, The Captains in every Battalion to determine their Rank in Battalion (where not already settled) by Lot, and their Commissions with those of their Lieutenants and Ensigns will be dated accordingly.

Seventeenth, All Officers chosen or appointed after the said

First Day of *October*, to have their Commissions dated at the Time of such Choice or Appointment, and to take Rank according to said Dates.

Eighteenth, All Battalions to be compleated as soon as possible, and (except Battalions of Riflemen) to consist of at least Six Companies of not less than Forty and not more than Seventy-six Privates each, and to have for Officers, a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, two Majors, a Standard Bearer, Adjutant, Serjeant Major, a Drum- and Fife-Major; and the Officers of each Company to consist of a Captain, two Lieutenants, one or two Ensigns, four Serjeants, four Corporals, a Drummer and Fifer, except the Light Infantry Companies, which, instead of two Lieutenants and two Ensigns, are to have four Lieutenants, the two youngest of which are to rank as Ensigns.

Nineteenth, All Battalions of Riflemen shall consist of at least Six Companies of not less than 40, nor more than 56 Privates each, and have for Officers a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, and two Majors; and the Officers of each Company shall be a Captain, two First-Lieutenants, and two Secon-Lieutenants, who shall rank as Ensigns, a Fifer or Hornblower, and as many Serjeants and Corporals as may be found necessary——the Serjeants, Corporals and Fifers or Hornblowers to be appointed by the Field-Officers.

Every Officer and Private of a Rifle Company shall furnish himself with a good Rifle-Gun, a Powder-Horn, a Charger, a Bullet Screw, Twelve Flints, a strong Pouch or Bag that will hold four Pounds of Ball, and such other Accoutrements as may be proper for a Rifleman.

Twentieth, The Standard Bearer of each Battalion to rank as eldest Lieutenant of the Battalion.

Twenty-first, All National Distinctions in Dress or Name to be avoided, it being proper that we should now be united in this General Association for defending our Liberties and Properties, under the sole Denomination of *Americans*.

Twenty-second, No Field-Officers to have Companies.

Twenty-third, For the better Order and Government of Companies which may be raised after the Completion of the several Battalions already formed in the City and Counties, such Companies are not to be admitted as independant, but are to be annexed to the most convenient Battalion, until a sufficient Number of Companies are raised to form a new Battalion, and no Number of Associators are to be considered as a Company, unless they consist of at least Forty Privates; but it is recommended that till that Number be completed,

the Associators join the most convenient Company, exercise and do Duty with such Company.

Twenty-fourth, All Battalions now formed, as well as those hereafter to be formed, are desired to make the necessary Returns of their Officers with their respective Ranks, to the Committee of their County, and the Committees are desired to certify such Returns with the respective Rank of each Battalion in their County to the Committee of Safety, that Commissions may be issued immediately for every Officer, in Conformity with these Rules.

Twenty-fifth, Every Associator (except Riflemen) is required to furnish himself with a good and sufficient Firelock fit for actual Service, a Bayonet fitted thereto, Steel Ramrod, Worm, Priming Wire and Brush, a Cartridge Box that will contain Twenty-three Rounds of Cartridges, Twelve Flints, a Knapsack, a sufficient Powder-horn, and a Pouch at the Bottom of his Cartridge Box, or a strong Bag, that will hold four Pounds of Ball.

Twenty-sixth, The Commissioners and Assessors of the several Counties within this Province shall deliver the Firelocks, Bayonets, Cartridge Boxes and Knapsacks, directed to be provided by the Resolutions of the late House of Assembly, to the commanding Officers of the several Battalions in their respective Counties, in due Proportions according to the Number of Men in each Battalion, for the Use of such Associators, in their Battalions, as are unable to supply themselves, taking Receipts for the same, which they shall immediately transmit to the Committee of Safety, first having entered the Accounts of the same in their respective Minute-Books; and the said commanding Officers shall be accountable for the Delivery of such Arms and Accoutrements, unless lost in Actual Service, whenever they shall be called upon by the Assembly or Committee of Safety.

Twenty-seventh, Every Associator is required to attend constantly with his Arms and Accoutrements in good Order, on the last *Monday* in the Month of *February*, the Two last *Mondays* in the Month of *March*, the Three last *Mondays* in the Month of *April*, the Four *Mondays* in the Month of *May*, the Two first *Mondays* in the Month of *June*, the last *Monday* in the Month of *July*, the Three first *Mondays* in the Month of *August*, the Three last *Mondays* in the Month of *September*, and the Second *Monday* in the Month of *October*, at the Places appointed by their commanding Officers, to be trained and exercised in Companies or Battalions, as the Officers shall direct:

And it is also recommended to such Associators as are not sufficiently expert in the Exercise, to meet as frequently as they conveniently can, at other Times, to perfect themselves in the same: It is also directed, that the commanding Officers respectively shall give due Notice to the Associators of the Places and Hours of Meeting, either in Companies or Battalion; and if the Associators are prevented from Meeting on any of the Days herein appointed, by the Inclemency of the Weather, they are to meet on the next fair Day.

Twenty-eighth, No Company or Battalion shall meet at a Tavern on any of the Days of Exercise; nor shall march to any Tavern before they are discharged.

Twenty-ninth, The Associators on Days of Exercise may be detained under Arms, on Duty in the Field, any Time not exceeding Six Hours, provided they are not kept above Three Hours under Arms at any one Time, without allowing them a proper Time to refresh themselves.

Thirtieth, The Serjeant or Clerk of any Company to be for this Purpose appointed by the Captain, Lieutenants and Ensigns of the Company, is required, at the End of one Hour after the Time appointed for the Meeting of the Company or Battalion, to call over the Muster-Roll of the Company, noting those who are absent, and that Day to make Return in Writing to the Captain of such Absentees; and all Persons so absent at the Time of calling over the Roll are to be liable to the Fines hereafter mentioned in the Articles for Non-attendance.

Thirty-first, The Captain of every Company, as soon as he is supplied by the Public with Powder and Lead for the Purpose, is to take especial Care, that Twenty-three Rounds of Cartridges are properly made up and suited to the Bore of each Firelock respectively belonging to his Company, and shall keep all the Cartridges that are so made up in some dry and convenient Place, with the Name of the Private affixed for whose Firelock they are fitted, ready to be delivered out when Occasion requires.

Thirty-second, Adjutants, Drummers and Fifers shall receive the following Pay for every Day of Service they attend their respective Battalions or Companies by Order of the Commanding Officer.

An Adjutant *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence*. A Drummer *Three Shillings*; a Fifer *Three Shillings*. The Drum-Major and Fife-Major of every Battalion shall receive each a Sum not exceeding *Fifteen Shillings* per Week, and be continued in Pay as long as the Colonels of the several Battalions shall

think necessary; and it is required, that such Drum-Majors and Fife-Majors, when not in Service on Days of Exercise, shall be diligently employed in instructing a proper Number of Persons for Drummers and Fifers of the several Battalions.

Thirty-third, All Officers and Soldiers of the Association when employed on Military Watch and Ward, or when called into actual Service in Case of an Invasion or Insurrection, or imminent Danger of either, by this House of Assembly, or in their Recess by the Committee of Safety, shall, while on such Watch or in such Service, be intitled to, and receive the same Pay that the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Troops receive.

Thirty-fourth, If any Officer or Soldier, not labouring under any Infirmity incapacitating him to serve, shall, when so called into actual Service, refuse to appear and march with his Arms, Ammunition and Accoutrements, or shall depart without Leave of the Commanding Officer, he shall be held up to the Public as a Coward and a Betrayer of his Country.

Thirty-fifth, If any Associator, so called into actual Service, shall leave a Family not of Ability to maintain themselves in his Absence, the Justices of the Peace of the City or County, and the Overseers of the Poor of the City, Township or District respectively, shall immediately make Provision for the Maintenance of such Family.

Thirty-sixth, When any of the Associators shall be so called into actual Service, the Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any one of them, shall immediately provide such Carriages as may be necessary for their Accommodation, at the Expence of the Public.

Thirty-seventh, As there may happen Occasions wherein it may be necessary to call out a Part of the Associators to actual though temporary Service, and not the wholy Body, and it would be inconvenient and burdensome, if upon every Alarm, where the Assistance of Part only may be wanted, the Whole should come together, or any much greater Number than the Occasion required, it is recommended, that Orders may issue from the Committee of Safety to the Colonels, either to march their whole Battalions or to send to an appointed Rendezvous one or more Companies, as they may be wanted, according to the respective Rank of the Companies, each Company serving on such Calls in its Turn, and for such Proportion of Time as shall make the Burthen nearly equal; and if the Associators, who are called forth, are not all provided with good Arms, it is recommended to those who have such, and are not called out, to lend the same for that Occasion, at the Risk of the Public.

Thirty-eighth, The Field-Officers of every Battalion shall appoint some Person in each Company of their respective Battalions, in whom they can confide, and the Officers in every Troop of Horse and Company of Artillery shall in like Manner choose some Person in their Troop or Company respectively, whose Names shall be returned by the said Officers respectively to the County Treasurers for the Provincial Taxes in their several Counties, which Persons so appointed shall from Time to Time collect all Fines incurred by the Associators in their Companies for Non-attendance, and shall severally pay the same to the said County Treasurers respectively, first deducting a Commission of Five *per Centum* for their Trouble, which said County Treasurers respectively shall pay the same to *Michael Hillegas*, Esquire, after deducting a Commission of One *per Centum* for their Trouble; and the said *Michael Hillegas* having exchanged the said Money, in which such Fines shall be so paid, into Bills of Credit of this Province emitted by this or the late House of Assembly, after deducting *Five Shillings* for every *Hundred Pounds* for his Trouble, shall deliver the same into the Hands of the Committees of Assembly appointed to audit and settle the public Accounts, to be by them burnt, sunk and destroyed in Abatement of the Taxes.—It is directed, that the said Collector shall account with the Officers who severally appointed them as often as such Officers shall require them so to do, and the said Officers shall in due Time transmit the Accounts of the said Collectors to the respective County Treasurers for the Provincial Taxes.

Lastly, This House having drawn up the following Articles of Agreement, for all the Associators in the Province, they do earnestly recommend the same to be adopted, signed and agreed to by all the said Associators, in order that one general System may prevail in *Pennsylvania*.

ARTICLES of ASSOCIATION *in* PENNSYLVANIA.

WE the Officers and Soldiers engaged in the present Association for the Defence of *American* Liberty, being fully sensible that the Strength and Security of any Body of Men, acting together, consists in just Regularity, due Subordination, and exact Obedience to Command, without which no Individual can have that Confidence in the Support of those about him, that is so necessary to give Firmness and Resolution to the Whole, do voluntarily and freely, after Consideration of the following Articles, adopt the same as the Rules and Regulations by which we agree and resolve to be governed in all

our Military Concerns and Operations, until the same, or any of them, shall be changed or dissolved by the Assembly of this Province, or a happy Reconciliation shall take Place between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies.

1. If any Officer make use of any profane Oath or Execration when on Duty, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every such Offence the Sum of *Five Shillings:* And if a Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier be thus guilty of cursing or swearing, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every such Offence the Sum of *One Shilling.*

2. Any Officer or Soldier, who shall refuse to obey the lawful Orders of his superior Officer, may be suspended from doing Duty on that Day, and shall, upon being convicted thereof before a Regimental Court of Associators, make such Concessions as said Court shall direct.

3. Any Officer or Soldier who shall begin, excite, cause, join in or promote any Disturbance in the Battalion, Troop or Company to which he belongs, or in any other Battalion, Troop or Company, shall be fined or censured according to the Nature of the Offence by the Judgment of a General or Regimental Court of Associators.

4. Any Officer or Soldier who shall strike his superior Officer, or draw, or offer to draw, or shall lift up any Weapon, or offer any Violence, against him, being in the Execution of his Office, shall, upon a Conviction before a General or Regimental Court of Associators, be dismissed, and shall be deemed to be thereby disgraced as unworthy the Company of Freemen.

5. Any Commanding or other Officer, who shall strike any Associator when on Duty, shall, upon Conviction before a General Court of Associators, suffer such Punishment as the said Court shall inflict.

6. Any Officer or Soldier who shall make use of insolent, provoking or indecent Language while on Duty, shall suffer such Censure or Fine as shall be inflicted by a General or Regimental Court of Associators, according to the Nature of the Offence.

7. If any Officer or Soldier shall think himself injured by his Colonel, or the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, and shall, upon due Application made to him be refused Redress, he may complain to the General or Commander in Chief of the *Pennsylvania* Associators, or to the Colonel of any other Battalion, who shall summon a General Court of Associators, that Justice may be done.

8. If any inferior Officer or Soldier shall think himself injured by his Captain, or other superior Officer in the Bat-

talion, Troop or Company to which he belongs, he may complain to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, who shall summon a Regimental Court of Associators for the doing Justice, according to the Nature of the Case.

9. No Officer, Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall fail of repairing with his Arms and Accoutrements on any of the Days appointed by the Assembly for exercising, to the Place of Parade, or other Rendezvous appointed by the Commanding Officer, if not prevented by Sickness, or some other evident Necessity, or shall go from the Place of Parade or Rendezvous, without Leave from the Commanding Officer, before he shall be regularly dismissed, on Penalty of *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence.*

10. Any Officer or Soldier found drunk, when under Arms, shall be suspended from doing Duty in the Battalion, Company or Troop, on that Day, and be fined or censured at the Discretion of a General or Regimental Court of Associators.

11. Whatever Centinel shall be found sleeping or drunk on his Post, or shall leave it before he is regularly relieved, shall suffer such Penalty or Disgrace as shall be ordered by a Regimental Court of Associators.

12. Whatever Commissioned Officer shall be convicted, before a General Court of Associators, of behaving in a scandalous or infamous Manner unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, shall be dismissed from the Association with Disgrace.

13. Every Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, who shall be convicted, at a Regimental Court of Associators, of having sold, carelessly lost, wilfully spoiled or wasted, or of having offered for Sale, any Ammunition, Arms or Accoutrements, belonging to this Province, shall be dismissed his Battalion, Troop or Company, as an unworthy Member, and be prosecuted as the Law directs.

14. All Disorders and Neglects, which Officers or Soldiers may be guilty of, to the Prejudice of the good Order and Military Discipline of the Association of this Colony, are to be taken Cognizance of by a General or Regimental Court of Associators, according to the Nature and Degree of the Offence, and such Officers or Soldiers shall be fined or censured at the Discretion of the Court.

15. That, on the first Meeting of every Company, after subscribing these Articles of Association, and from thence forward on the first Meeting of every Company, after the last *Monday* in *February* annually, there shall be chosen, by the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, out of each Company

in the respective Battalions, two Persons who are entitled to vote for Members of Assembly, whose Duty and Office shall be, for the Year following, to sit and join with the Officers in Courts of Association, which Persons so chosen shall be stiled Court-Associators.

16. Every General Court of Associators shall consist of Thirteen Members, Six of whom shall be Commissioned Officers under the Rank of a Field-Officer, and Six Court-Associators, who shall be drawn by Lot out of the whole Number for the Battalion; and these Twelve are to chuse a President, who shall be a Field-Officer, and have a casting Voice.

17. Every Regimental Court of Associators shall be composed of Seven Members; Three Officers, Three Court-Associators, and a President, who is to be a Captain, and to be chosen by the Six; and also to have a casting Voice.

18. In all Courts of Associators, not less than Two-Thirds of the Members must agree in every Sentence for inflicting Penalties, or for disgracing any Associator, otherwise he shall be acquitted.

19. The President of each and every Court of Associators, whether General or Regimental, shall require all Witnesses, in order to the Trial of Offenders, to declare, on Oath or Affirmation, that the Evidence they shall give is the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth: and the Members of all Courts of Associators shall take an Oath or Affirmation, which the President is required to administer to the other Members; and the next in Rank is required to administer to him, that they will give Judgment with Impartiality.

20. All Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers, Fifers, or others, that shall be employed and receive Pay in any of the Battalions, Companies or Troops, shall subscribe these Rules and Regulations, and be subject to such Fines, to be deducted from their Pay, and to such Penalties, as a Regimental Court of Associators shall think proper, upon being convicted of having transgressed any of these Regulations.

21. All Associators called as Witnesses in any Case before a Court of Associators, who shall refuse to attend and give Evidence, shall be censured or fined at the Discretion of the Court.

22. No Officer or Soldier, being charged with transgressing these Rules, shall be suffered to do Duty in the Battalion, Company or Troop, to which he belongs, until he has had his Trial by a Court of Associators; and every Person so charged, shall be tried as soon as a Court of Associators can be conveniently assembled.

23. The Officers and Soldiers of every Company of Artillery, or other Company, Troop or Party, that is or shall be annexed to any Battalion, shall be subject to the Command of the Colonel or Commanding Officer of said Battalion; and the Officers shall sit as Members of Courts of Associators, in the same Manner as the Officers of any other Company.

24. No Penalty shall be inflicted at the Discretion of a Court of Associators, other than degrading, cashiering or fining: The Fines for the Officers not to exceed *Three Pounds*, and the Fine for a Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier not to exceed *Twelve Shillings*, for one Fault.

25. The Field-Officers of each and every Battalion shall appoint a Person, in every Company, to receive such Fines, as may arise within the same, for Breach of any of these Articles, (except for Non-attendance) and the Commissioned Officers of the Company shall, with the Approbation of the Field-Officers, direct those Fines to be applied to the Relief of the necessitous Soldiers belonging to that Company; and the Overplus, if any, to other necessary Expences of the Company; and such Person shall account with the Field-Officers, as often as required, for all such Fines received, and the Application thereof.

26. The General or Commander in Chief of this Association, for the Time being, shall have full Power of pardoning or mitigating any Censures or Penalties ordered to be inflicted, for the Breach of any of these Articles, by any General Court of Associators; and every Offender, convicted as aforesaid by any Regimental Court of Associators, may be pardoned, or have his Penalties mitigated by the Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Battalion; excepting only where such Censures or Penalties are directed as Satisfaction for Injuries received by one Officer or Soldier from another.

27. Any Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or other Person, who, having subscribed these Articles, shall refuse to make such Concessions, pay such Fines, or in any other Matter refuse to comply with the Judgment of any Court of Associators, shall be dismissed the Service, and returned to the Commissioners of the County, who shall charge and proceed against him as a Non-Associator, and he shall further be deemed unfriendly to the Liberties of *America*.

28. Upon the Determination of any Point by a Regimental Court of Associators, if the Officer or Soldier concerned on either Side, thinks himself still aggrieved, he may appeal to a General Court of Associators; but if, upon a second Hearing, the Appeal appears groundless and vexatious, the Per-

son so appealing shall be censured at the Discretion of the said General Court.

29. Upon the Death, Resignation, Promotion, or other Removal of a Field-Officer, Standard-bearer, or Adjutant, the Officers of the Battalion shall chuse a Person in his Place, and upon the Death, Resignation, Promotion, or other Removal of an Officer, or Court-Associator, from a Troop or Company, such Vacancy is to be filled by the Person such Troop or Company shall elect.

30. No Officer or Soldier shall be tried a second time for the same Offence, except in Case of Appeal.

31. All Officers and Soldiers of every Battalion, Troop, Company or Party of Associators, who shall be called by the Assembly, or Committee of Safety in Recess of Assembly, into actual Service, shall be subject to all the Rules and Articles already made by the Honourable Congress for the Government of the Continental Troops.

32. No Commissioned, Non-commissioned Officer or Private, shall withdraw himself from the Company to which he belongs, without a Discharge from the Commanding Officer of the Battalion; nor shall such Person be received into any other Company without such Discharge.

In Testimony of our Approbation and Consent to be governed by these Regulations, which have been deliberately read to, or carefully perused by us, we have hereunto set our Hands.

RESOLUTIONS *directing the Mode of Levying Taxes on* NON-ASSOCIATORS *in* PENNSYLVANIA.

1. THE Assessors of the several Townships, Boroughs, Wards and Districts within this Province, are required, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next ensuing, to make in Writing and deliver an exact List of the Names and Sirnames of every Male white Person, capable of bearing Arms, between the Ages of Sixteen and Fifty Years, (Ministers of the Gospel of all Denominations, and Servants purchased *bona fide* and for a valuable Consideration, only excepted) residing in such Township, Borough, Ward or District, to the Commissioners of the County chosen by Virtue of the Act for raising of County Rates and Levies.

2. If any Assessor shall neglect or refuse to perform the Duty aforesaid, the Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any Two of them, are hereby required and enjoined to fine him in any Sum not exceeding *Ten Pounds*, unless such Assessor's Refusal proceeds from conscientious Motives; and

such Fine shall be levied and recovered in the same Manner as is directed by the Laws of this Province for levying and recovering Fines imposed on Assessors refusing or neglecting to perform the Duties therein required of them, to be paid into the Hands of the respective County Treasurers, to be by them delivered to the same Person, and applied to the same Use as the other Monies directed to be levied by the Resolves of this House.

3. The Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any Two of them, are hereby required and enjoined to appoint some proper Person to make out the List aforesaid, in the Place of the Assessor so refusing or neglecting; which Person so appointed shall make out and return such List to the Commissioners on or before the first Day of *May* next ensuing.

4. Every Assessor, or Person appointed in his Place as aforesaid, shall, before he begins to make out the Lists aforesaid, take an Oath or Affirmation, which any Magistrate of the County is hereby required and enjoined to administer, without Fee or Reward: *"That he will go to the Place or Places of Abode of all and every Person and Persons residing within his Township, Borough, Ward or District, and make a faithful and diligent Enquiry of, and endeavour, by all other lawful Ways and Means in his Power, to procure a true and exact Account and List of the Names and Sirnames of all Male white Persons capable of bearing Arms, who are between the Ages of Sixteen and Fifty Years, residing within his Township, Borough, Ward or District, and will make a Return of such Account or List* (if an Assessor) *to the Commissioners of the County respectively in which he resides, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of* March *next ensuing, or* (if a Person appointed in the Place of an Assessor) *on or before the First Day of* May *next ensuing."*

5. Every Assessor, or other Person appointed and acting in the Place of an Assessor as aforesaid, shall receive for his Trouble in making out and returning such Lists the Sum of *Four Shillings* for every Day he shall be employed in that Service.

6. If any Dispute shall arise, concerning the Age of any Non-Associator, the same shall be determined before the Commissioners of the County, or any Two of them, by Oath or Affirmation of the Person whose Age is in Question, which Oath or Affirmation the said Commissioners, or any of them, are hereby required to administer, or by any other proper Evidence.

7. The Captains of every Company are required and enjoined, on or before the 15th Day of *March* next ensuing, to deliver under his Hand, to the Colonel of the Battalion to which he belongs, a Copy of the Articles of Association, signed by the Associators of his Company, therein mentioning the County and the Township, Borough, Ward, or District, in which each of the said Associators resides, which the Colonel shall carefully keep, and therefrom shall immediately make out and return, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of the same Month, a fair Duplicate, to the Commissioners aforesaid, of the respective Counties in which the said Associators respectively reside.

8. The said Commissioners, or any Two of them, are required, on or before the First Day of *June* next ensuing, to meet together, and cause their Clerks to make out fair Lists of the Names and Sirnames of all Persons mentioned in the Duplicates returned to them as aforesaid, with their Places of Abode, who appear, by the Duplicates returned by the Colonels, not to have signed the Articles of Association; and thereupon the said Commissioners are required to charge every such Person not associating, over and above the Rates and Assessments set upon him by Virtue of the Laws of this Province, the Sum of *Two Pounds Ten Shillings*, on the Lists made out by their Order as aforesaid.

9. If any Person, charged by the Commissioners as a Non-Associator, shall, at the Day of Appeal, produce to the Commissioners a Certificate from the Commanding Officer of any Battalion, Troop of Horse, or Company of Artillery, that he has become an Associator in such Battalion, Troop or Company, the Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall make an Allowance in Favour of such Person, of *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence* for each of the Days of Exercise appointed by this House, after such Person became an Associator, on which he attended his Battalion, Troop or Company, or has been fined for Non-attendance.

10. If any Person, charged by the Commissioners as a Non-Associator, shall die before the Day of Appeal, or, if before that Day, an Accommodation shall be made between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies on this Continent, and, in Consequence thereof, the Military Association in this Province shall be dissolved; in either of those Cases the Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall make an Abatement, in the Assessment charged as aforesaid, of *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence* for each of the Days of Exercise aforesaid, after the Death of such Non-Associator, or the Dissolution of the Association.

11. If any Non-Associator, or the Parent, Guardian, Master or Mistress of any Non-Associator, between the Ages of 16 and 21 Years, or any other Non-Associator, shall think him or herself aggrieved by the Assessment aforesaid, he or she may appeal to the Commissioners of the County wherein he or she resides, who, or any Two of them, shall meet together on the 10th Day of *October* next ensuing, and so from Day to Day, as long as may be necessary, and at such Place or Places as the Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall appoint; of which Days and Places of Meeting they shall cause the Collectors to give due Notice to the Inhabitants, and then and there the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall hear such Appeals as may be made to them, and may discharge such Assessment, or lower the same, as to them, on Consideration of all Circumstances, shall appear just and equitable.

12. The said Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any Two of them, within Ten Days after hearing and determining the Appeals made to them, shall rectify and adjust the Lists returned to them as aforesaid, and the Assessments thereon, and deliver to the Treasurers of the respective Counties a true Account of the Sums total, which every Collector shall be charged with in Pursuance of these Resolves, and shall cause their Clerks to make out and deliver fair Duplicates thereof to the respective Collectors of the Townships, Boroughs, Wards and Districts, within their respective Counties, who shall collect the said Sums, keeping exact and separate Accounts of the Sums so charged on Non-Associators, and shall pay the same into the Hands of the respective County Treasurers, who shall pay the same into the Hands of *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; to be applied to such Purposes as this or any future House of Assembly shall judge most likely to promote the public Welfare: And all Persons shall be liable to the Payment of the said Sums in the same Manner, and the Collectors shall have the same Powers, and shall proceed in collecting and levying the said Sums, and shall be accountable, in the same Manner as is directed by the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raising of County Rates and Levies.*"

13. The Allowances to the Collectors of such Assessments, and to the Treasurers respectively, shall be the same with those appointed and directed in the Collection of Fines from Associators for Non-attendance.

14. The Treasurers of the respective Counties, before they enter on the Duties hereby required of them, shall give the like Security for the faithful Discharge of their Office, to the

Commissioners of their several Counties, that they are now obliged, by the Laws of this Province, to give for the due Payment of Provincial Taxes.

15. All and every Person and Persons, who are required or enjoined by these Resolutions, or any of them, to discharge or perform any of the Offices or Duties herein before mentioned, are hereby further earnestly and solemnly required and enjoined, with all Diligence and Fidelity, strenuously to exert themselves in discharging and performing such Offices and Duties, and every Part thereof, as they regard the Freedom, Security and Happiness of their Country."

Resolved, That the Committee of Safety procure a sufficient Number of the foregoing "Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Association in *Pennsylvania*," "The Articles of said Association," and, "The Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in *Pennsylvania*," to be immediately printed in the *English* and *German* Languages, and transmitted to the Commanding Officers of the several Battalions, and to the Commissioners of the several Counties in this Province.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the 12th of *February* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 12, 1776.

MR. Speaker, with Nineteen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

February 13, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night, and a Quorum not attending, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 14, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with the Members present last Night, met this Morning, and a Number sufficient to proceed on Business not yet appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pennock* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Representatives is met in Pursuance of their Adjournment, and ready to receive any Business his Honour may be pleased to lay before them.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 15, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Business at present to lay before the House.

Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson*, Members for *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Mr. Speaker acquainting the House that *Joseph Fox*, Esq; had requested Leave to resign his Office of Barrack-Master, and his Resignation being admitted—a Petition from Captain *William Masters*, of the *Northern Liberties*, for the said Office was presented to the Chair, read and

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Hillegas* produced at the Table an Account from Mr. *Fox* amounting to *Two Hundred* and *Eleven Pounds Seventeen Shillings* and *Six-pence*, for Repairs lately made at the Barracks, which was read by Order and referred to further Consideration.

A Petition from *Henry Hale Graham*, Esq; Prothonotary, Recorder of Deeds and Deputy Register for the Probate of Wills, *&c.* in the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the public Records of the said County are by legal Authority ordered to be kept within the Borough of *Chester*, in the said County;—that soon after the Petitioner's Appointment to the said Offices he did (at his own private Expence) erect a Building (detached from all others) constructed in such Manner as to preserve those Records from any common Accident of Fire, and from being destroyed by Vermin; in which the said Records have ever since been lodged and kept;—that a Number of Inhabitants of the said County have "requested the Petitioner to remove those Records to some Place of greater Security (out of the said Borough) being fully sensible of the Importance of their Preservation, and being apprehensive from their Situation that they may be easily destroyed by an armed Force from the River;"—that although the Petitioner might look upon himself highly justifiable, in Case of an actual Invasion, to remove those Records out of the said Borough, yet he cannot think himself warranted in doing it until such a Case did actually happen (which might then be too late for their Preservation) unless directed so to do by legal Authority:—that the Petitioner therefore apprehends it to be his Duty to apply to the Honourable House, and humbly to request that they would be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration,

and do therein what shall appear to them expedient and necessary.— *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. *Montgomery* informing the House that *Thomas Beard*, appointed Collector of Excise, in *October* last, for the County of *Cumberland*, had declined to serve in that Office, and that *John Bowman*, of the said County, is a proper Person to execute the same,

Resolved, That the said *John Bowman* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the said County of *Cumberland* for the Remainder of the present Year.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-six Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not attending, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 16, 1776.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

By the Return of the Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, it appearing that *Joseph Reed*, Esq; was on the Twenty-sixth *ultimo* duly elected a Representative in Assembly for the City of *Philadelphia*, and the said Gentleman this Day attending the House, he was qualified as a Member, and took his Seat accordingly.

Mr. *Hillegas* produced at the Table a Receipt from *Richard Butler*, Agent at *Pittsburg*, for the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, voted by the House at their last Sitting, as a Present to *Petapanihila*, (alias *George Allen*) an *Indian*, for his Services to this Province—which Sum was ordered to be carried to the Account of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* lately emitted.

Two Petitions from *John Britton* and *John Ladd Howell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Office of Barrack-Master, was presented to the House and read.—

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee for Battalion Expences produced at the Table an Account for raising and training a Troop of Light Horse, and requested the Opinion of the House on some Charges therein, which being examined, the said Account was referred back to the Committee for Settlement, after making such Deductions as they may judge reasonable.

The House taking into Consideration the Account from *Joseph Fox*, Esq; for Repairs made at the Barracks, referred the same to the Committee of Accounts for Settlement.

The Petition from *Henry Hale Graham*, Esq; being again read, and considered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Gibbons* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Keepers of Records in the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Chester* to remove them to more safe and convenient Places, if the State of public Affairs shall require it.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met, and adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 17, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Keepers of Records in the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Chester* to remove them to more safe and convenient Places, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair; and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Representation from the Wardens of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth that, in Pursuance of an Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," Taxes have been annually laid upon the Inhabitants of the said City to the utmost Limitation permitted by the said Law, yet the Wardens find the Sums thereby raised to be inadequate to the Services therein required, a heavy Debt for Oil, and to the Owners of Pumps, being now due, which the Wardens are unable to discharge.: ——That this Deficiency arises from an Advance of above Fifty *per Cent* in the Price of Oil, from the very heavy Expence attending to the Fixing and Repairing the public Pumps in the Streets, and from the Allowance to such Inhabitants as have Pumps in the Streets and in their Yards;—that although much Benefit and Safety may arise to the Inhabitants *generally* from the Pumps in the Streets, the Wardens are humbly of Opinion, that the Allowance made to those who keep Pumps in their Yards may be justly dispensed with, and every Damage they may sustain, in Case of Fire, would be more equitably paid out of the general Tax;—that in respect to the Mode prescribed by the Law "*for raising and levying the Money*" for the Purposes therein mentioned, the Wardens beg Leave to remark, that the Returns directed to be made to the Wardens and Assessors by the Constables of the City, are very inaccurate and irregular, and very great Difficulties are thereby occasioned in laying the Assessments,

—the Constables (of the present Day) being generally very illiterate Men, many of them not capable of Writing, it seldom happens that a fair and regular Return is made, whereby much Time is unnecessarily spent and many Errors unavoidably committed,—the Returns made to the Commissioners and Assessors of the County by intelligent Freeholders of each Ward, annually elected for the Purpose, are much more to be depended on.

That the Wardens beg Leave further to remark, that the Time (of Five Days) allowed by the Law of the Constables to make their Returns, is found by repeated Experience to be too short, as many of the Wards in the City are become very large;—the Wardens therefore apprehend, that at least Ten Days would be necessary for the Purpose.

That the Allowance made by Law for performing this Service, in many Instances, proves unequal to the Time employed therein.—Most respectfully submitted by the Wardens to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from Major *Lewis Nichola*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Office of Barrack-Master, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion, by a Member, representing the Utility and Expediency of immediately erecting a Powder-Mill for the Use and on Account of this Province, and requesting the Sentiments of the House thereon, the same was taken into Consideration, and after some Debate,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the erecting such Powder-Mill is a proper and necessary Measure in the present Circumstances of the Province, and that the same ought to be immediately carried into Execution, under the Direction of the Committee of Safety, upon the best Terms that can be had, as to the Place, Materials and Persons to be employed in such Undertaking.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, P. M.

February 19, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 20, 1776.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Remonstrance, from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that as the Law passed by the Honourable

House, on the Ninth Day of *March*, 1771, for the Support and Regulation of the Poor of this City, *&c.* under which the Remonstrants have been appointed, will shortly expire;—that the Remonstrants therefore conceive it to be their Duty (from the Defects in the Laws now in Force) to lay before the House such Matters, as have appeared evident to them since their Appointment;—that the Remonstrants are of Opinion, from the complicated State of the Poor-Laws, that the whole should be repealed, and they pray, that the House would transcribe such Parts of the old Laws as may be most salutary, to which the Remonstrants beg Leave to subjoin the following, for the Consideration of the House.

1st.—That a Law may be passed appointing Twelve, or more Managers or Overseers, to superintend the Poor in the City of *Philadelphia*, and to have the Care of the Alms-House and House of Employment in the said City, who may have Authority to allow Out-Pensions, or present Relief to distressed Objects at their Discretion, and to admit Paupers into the Alms-House, with the Approbation of two Magistrates.

2dly. That the Remonstrants are of Opinion, (in which they are joined by a Number of their Fellow-Citizens) that one *Six-penny* Tax levied on all Estates, real and personal, taxable in the said City, will be of more Utility than to levy and assess two *Three-penny* Taxes for the same Purpose. And in Case the Exigences of the Poor should require an additional Sum to be levied and collected, that the said Managers or Overseers may have Authority to levy and assess such further Tax or Taxes as may be requisite, and which will enable them to comply with the Resolves of the Honourable House, respecting Provision being made for the Families of those engaged in the Continental Service.

3dly. That the Managers or Overseers to be appointed, shall regularly every Week examine such poor and indigent Persons, as may be from Time to Time admitted into the House of Employment and Alms-House, in Order that such poor Person or Persons, who do not appear suitable Objects, may be removed.

4thly. That the Remonstrants are of Opinion, that all such Women, who are delivered of Bastard Children in the House of Employment, and who will not discover the Father of such illegitimate Child, of which they are delivered, may be obliged to serve a reasonable Term, to defray the Expences, which the City may be at for their Maintenance.

5thly. That, as many Irregularities have arisen, and still continue, from a Want of legal Authority in the Magistrates

and Managers to administer suitable Correction to such idle dissolute Vagrants as refuse to work, and who are otherways disorderly when in the House of Employment,—the Remonstrants are of Opinion, that a discretionary Power, vested in those two corporate Bodies, will answer a most salutary Purpose, by preventing the continued Ingress of strolling idle Vagrants from every Part of the Continent to this City, in Expectation of being admitted into the said House.

6thly. That the Remonstrants are of Opinion, that there is a material Deficiency in Regard to the Removal of Paupers, and apprehend that every Pauper may be removed from Township to Township, with much less Expence, and more Certainty, than by the present Mode;—the Remonstrants also deem it highly expedient, that some Measures should be taken to intimidate Paupers from wantonly returning to this City, after such Removal. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Three Petitions from *Alexander Stewart*, *William Judd* and *William Sanders*, Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from Major *William Coats*, of the *Northern Liberties*, for the Office of Barrack-Master, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from the Managers of the United Company of *Philadelphia*, for promoting *American* Manufacturers, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Memorialists having been appointed, by a large Number of the Inhabitants of the said City and the Country adjacent, as Managers of a Manufactory of Linen, Woollen and Cotton, they have made very considerable Progress in the Institution, and at present employ above Seven Hundred Persons as Spinners, Weavers, Bleachers, *&c.* but the present high Price of Flax operates as a great Discouragement to this Undertaking, which is wholly owing to the real Scarcity of that Article. And as an Increase equal to the Demand, in the ensuing Year, may prove very uncertain, if left to the private Opinion of Individuals, with respect to the Quantity wanted, the Memorialists beg Leave to recommend to the Honourable House the offering Bounties on that Article, upon the Plan of the *Dublin* Society, the happy Effects of which have been evidenced in the extensive Establishment of a very beneficial Manufacture through the Kingdom of *Ireland*; or to give such other Encouragement as the House may judge proper.

That the Memorialists calling to Mind the public Spirit of former Assemblies of this Province, in the Article of Hemp,

are emboldened in this Application, trusting that the present House will not yield to any Set of Men in Zeal for the public Good.

That the Memorialists further beg Leave to represent, that there is now introduced into the Manufactory a Machine for spinning Cotton and Wool, by which one Person can perform the Work of three; but as the Expence of such Machines (being about *Seven Pounds*) renders it impracticable for the poorer Sort of People to procure them, they are as yet but little used among us; but the Memorialists are of Opinion, if the Honourable House would appropriate a Sum of Money, for the Purpose of erecting a Number of the said Machines, and fixing them in different Parts of the Country, it might be the Means of introducing them into general Use, in every Family that could accomplish the Purchase, which would be a considerable Saving of Labour, and contribute greatly to the Establishment of *American* Manufacturers.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the several Petitions from *William Masters*, *John Britton*, *John Ladd Howell*, *Lewis Nicola* and *William Coats*, for the Office of Barrack-Master, in the Room of *Joseph Fox*, Esq; who has resigned, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That Major *Lewis Nicola* be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Remainder of the present Year.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Keepers of Records, in the Counties of* Philadelphia *and* Chester, *to remove them to more safe and convenient Places*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Representation from the Wardens of the City of *Philadelphia* being again read, and some Time spent in the Consideration thereof,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Bartholomew*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplementary Bill to amend and continue the Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys, of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 21, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Reed* be added to the Committee of Grievances.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Report of the Committee of Grievances in *March* last, on the Petition of *John Enouch*, *Jacob Supplee*, and others, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

The House also taking into Consideration the Petition from *John Morris*, of *Eastown* Township in the County of *Chester*, presented to the late Assembly, referred the same to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Facts.

A Representation from the Assessors of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that having been informed that the Law for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, *&c.* in the said City, is now under the Consideration of the Honourable House, in order to its Extension and Amendment, they (the Assessors) beg Leave to offer the following Observations, which have occurred in executing the Part thereof assigned to them, *viz.*

That they have found the Mode prescribed for making Returns of the ratable Property of the Inhabitants is attended with many Inconveniences arising from the general Incapacity of the Persons appointed to that Service, and from the Shortness of the Time allowed for the Performance thereof.

That the Assessors are therefore of Opinion, that intelligent Freeholders, annually elected in each Ward, having an equitable Compensation for their Services, would make Returns much more to be depended on.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from the Managers of the House of Employment was presented at the Table, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the
FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania,
in General Assembly *met.*

The PETITION of the MANAGERS of the House of Employment and Alms House, in the City of *Philadelphia*,

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT the present Poor-Law, by its own Limitation, is near expiring, and on Experience it is found necessary to make some few Alterations and Additions, when re-enacted. With Submission we offer to your Consideration the following:

First. That instead of laying a Tax of *Three-pence* in the Pound, it be *Six-pence*; by which the Expence of levying and collecting would be lessened, and the Money being paid in, in larger Portions, would enable the Managers to lay it out to much greater Advantage.

Secondly. That the Vagrant-Act be extended to the City and Districts, with an Addition of *Forty Shillings* Fine of the Constables Neglect instead of *Ten Shillings.*

Thirdly. That the Managers have Power to sell, or bind out, such Women who are delivered of Bastard-Child or Children in said House, by which a Charge is brought on the City, *&c.* for as much as will defray the Expences, to such Person or Persons, as may be willing to take them.

Fourthly. We apprehend Posts of Profit should be taxed for Support of the Poor.

Fifthly. That the Masters or Mistresses of Negro Men-Slaves should be obliged to pay the Expence of any Bastard-Child begotten by such Negro-Slaves, on the Bodies of white Women, which hath heretofore been burdensome on the Inhabitants.

Sixthly. That all Paupers becoming chargeable, who may have no legal Settlement that can be determined, be a Provincial Expence.

Seventhly. That Paupers be removed from Township to Township, till they arrive at the Place of their last legal Settlement.

Eighthly. That two Managers with the Magistrates, have power to bind out poor Children, instead of a Majority of the Managers, which is found inconvenient under the present Law.

Ninthly. That Appeals be made to the City or County from whence Paupers are removed.

We take Leave further to add, that by a Law incorporating the Contributors to this Institution, residing in the City of *Philadelphia*, District of *Southwark*, Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Passyunk* and *Moyamensing*, passed *February* 8, 1776, the Contributors, *&c.* are impowered to sell the old Alms-House Square and Building thereon in this City; and it is enacted that within Five Years after such Sale, there shall be levied and raised, over and above the Sums of Money that may be necessary during that Time, for the Re-

lief and Support of the Poor of the said District and Townships, so much Money, as shall be equal to one fourth Part of the Sum and Sums of Money, for which said Lot of Ground, *&c.* shall be sold; and that the said Money so to be raised, shall be levied on the District and Townships aforesaid, and be paid to the Treasurer of the Contributors, *&c.* and applied by the Managers. But we apprehend, there is not any Mode pointed out by said Law, to enforce a Compliance therewith, in Case of a Refusal.

All which is humbly submitted to the Care of your Honourable House.

Signed at the Request of the Managers, &c.

The Managers respectfully Request your Honourable House will be pleased to favour them with an Opportunity to "submit their Books, Accounts, Affairs and Oeconomy to the Inspection and free Examination of such Visitors," as you in your Wisdom shall be pleased to appoint.

by JACOB SHOEMAKER."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks* was presented to the House and read, praying that certain Alterations and Additions, pointed out in the said Petition, may be made in the Act for the Relief of the Poor, now under the Consideration of the House.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petitions from *Alexander Stewart* and *William Sanders*, insolvent Debtors, being again read, were referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Allegations of the Petitioners.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met, and adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 22, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House sundry Resolutions and Orders from the Honourable Continental Congress, which were read, and referred to further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, with a Letter from *Northumberland* County therein referred to, which were read by Order, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

A Message *from the* GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY.

'GENTLEMEN,

"IN Consequence of Your Message of the 25th of *November* last, founded on a Letter addressed to you, from the County of *Northumberland*, respecting the *Connecticut* Settlers at *Wyoming*, I took the earliest Opportunity of giving Orders to the Magistrates of that County to put the Laws of this Province in Execution in their County. The Letter I have since received from the Magistrates and Sheriff, which I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you, will inform you of the Steps they took in Pursuance of my Order, and of the unfortunate Event of their Proceedings.

'As a considerable Expence must have arisen, on this Attempt, to execute the Laws of Government, I doubt not you will readily make Provision for defraying it.

February 22, 1776. *JOHN PENN.*"

LETTER *to the* GOVERNOR *from* Northumberland.

SIR, *Sunbury*, 30*th December*, 1775.

IN Pursuance of your Honor's Letter of the 25th *ultimo*, the Magistrates of this County delivered into the Hands of our Sheriff Warrants and other legal Processes against a Number of Persons residing at *Wyoming*, in this County, who have been charged on Oath with the most illegal Practices, and some of them with the greatest Crimes. The Sheriff, apprehensive of Resistance, judged it prudent to raise the Posse of the County—a Body of near Five Hundred Men accompanied him to the Neighbourhood of *Wyoming*, where they were met by some People from *Wyoming* (one of whom was said to be an Officer)—to these Men the Intention of the Sheriff and his Posse was sufficiently explained, and the strongest Assurances given that no Violence or Molestation should be offered to any Person submitting to the Laws. The Sheriff proceeded, however, but a little further, when he was most unexpectedly fired upon—one Man *(Hugh M'Williams)* killed, and three others dangerously wounded;—it was soon found impossible to force a Passage on that Side of the River, as the Narrows, naturally strong, had been fortified with the greatest Care, and were lined with Numbers of Men to which ours bore no reasonable Proportion. An Attempt was made to cross the River, with Design, if possible, to arrive at the Settlement of the Persons against whom Process had issued, without further Molestation—this Attempt was for greater Secrecy made in the Night.—When the Boats had nearly reached the opposite Shore, and were entangled in a Margin of Ice too thin to bear the Weight of a Man, they

were, without any previous Challenge, fired upon repeatedly by a Party from the Top of the Bank—*Jesse Lukens* received a mortal Wound, of which he is since dead—sundry others narrowly escaped;—as a Landing could not be effected, the Boats returned. Baffled in this second Attempt, the Weather being intolerably severe, and receiving Information that the Persons we wished to arrest, were the Chief in Command in their Breast-Works, it was thought advisable to disist from any further Attempt—the Boat, with the wounded Men, was fired on while within Gunshot—a constant Fire was kept upon our Men from the opposite Side while they retreated through a long Narrows—one Man only, however, was wounded in the Arm.

We are sorry to inform your Honour, that a very considerable Expence is incurred in this unfortunate Affair. We, however, hope, that the other Branch of the Legislature will shew the same Readiness, in properly resenting this daring Insult on the Government of the Province, which we have ever experienced in your Honour. We are, with great Respect,

Your Honor's most obedient and most humble Servants.

WILLIAM SCULL, *Sheriff.* WILLIAM PLUNKET,
SAMUEL HARRIS, *Coroner.* SAMUEL HUNTER,
MICHAEL TROY,
JOHN WEITZEL."

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Managers of the House of Employment, and having spent some Time therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Petition from the Managers of the House of Employment, and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Gibbons* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to visit the House of Employment, inspect the Accounts and Oeconomy thereof, and report to this House, in *September* next, a general State of that Institution.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 23, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from the Field-Officers of the Association, in the County of *Berks*, was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of Pennsylvania, in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The PETITION of *Mark Bird, Daniel Broadhead, Balsar Geehr* and *Jonathan Potts*, Esquires, Field-Officers in the several Battalions in *Berks* County, in Behalf of said Battalions,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT the Establishment of a Militia by this Honourable House, for the Defence of the Province, gave great Satisfaction to the Inhaditants of this County in general: But as we are humbly of Opinion, that the Militia Law in its present Form will not answer the good Ends intended by it, and therefore gives great Concern to many Wellwishers to their Country:——We have taken the Liberty to point out to the Honourable House such Parts of the said Law, as are generally objectionable, and to propose such Alterations as in our Judgment would be more satisfactory to the People, and better fulfil the Design of the Association; trusting that the Honourable House will patiently hear and consider the Petitions and Representations of their Constituents at all Times, and give such Redress as, in their Wisdom, shall appear right and reasonable; and hopng that, as this Application proceeds from the most earnest Wishes to serve our Country, whatever may be the Opinion of the House with respect to the Propriety of the Amendments proposed, it will not, as it is not intended, prove offensive to the House.

To the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Association in *Pennsylvania*, we beg Leave to make the following Objections, and propose the following Alterations, *&c.*

1st. 26*th Article.* The Provincial Arms and Accoutrements will be delivered to the poorest Associators, by whom there is the greatest Danger of Loss; is it not severe upon the commanding or other Officer, who is obliged to deliver Arms, *&c.* to a large Number of this Class of People, to be accountable for their Delivery to the Assembly, *&c.* at every other Event than Loss in actual Service? If an Associator should run off, or be not able to purchase other Arms, *&c.* in Case an Accident should happen to those belonging to the Province, the Officer cannot be justly censured, and if he does not fail in his Duty, he ought not to be punished.

2dly. 27th Article. The Militia in general are yet very ignorant of Military Discipline, and as actual Service is expected from them early next Summer, we think no Time should be neglected in training them; we therefore humbly propose, that the Companies should be exercised twice a Week,

except when they meet in Battalion, and then once a Week, and the Battalions once a Fortnight 'till the first Day of *June* next; after which Time it might perhaps be sufficient to exercise the Men once every Week in Companies, and once in every Month in Battalion.

32*d Article.* Drum-Majors and Fife-Majors will be extremely useful in the Militia, and have a great Deal of Trouble; we wish the House would consider whether there is sufficient Encouragement given to them.

34*th Article.* A Family may labour under such Circumstances as to make it nearly impossible for the Head of it to march with the Company: we submit it to the House, whether it would not be too heavy a Punishment for a Man, in that Situation, to be held up to the Public as a Coward and Betrayer of his Country.——We think it would not injure the Service to intrust the Captain with a Power of dispensing with the personal Attendance of any of his Men, upon their finding another, whom he approves of, well accoutred, and ready to march with the Company.

But, unless an Associator should be situated in the Manner before-mentioned, we think the Punishment rather too light for his basely withdrawing himself from the Defence of his Country, at the Time of an Invasion.

35*th Article.* We think the Expence of maintaining the Families of poor Associators, entering into actual Service, will fall too heavy on particular Townships, many of which are very poor; the Benefit derived from the Service of such Associators will extend to the whole Province, and therefore the Expence of providing for their Families, in their Absence, should be refunded by it.—We would pray the House also to consider, whether it would not have a good Effect in encouraging the poorer Sorts of People to act with Spirit, by engaging to maintain them, in Case of their being disabled from Labour in the Service.

37*th Article.* It would desolate whole Townships to draught off whole Companies at a Time. We would propose, when the Ranks of the Captains are fixed, that the Privates, in each Company, ballot which shall march first on any Emergency; and if a full Company is necessary, let the eldest Captain take one Third of the Men from each of the three eldest Companies, and take their Tour of Duty in that Manner.

38*th Article. And in the Mode for levying Taxes, Ref.* 12*th.* For what Purpose should any Distinction be made between the Application of the fines of Associators and Non-Asso-

ciators? Associators Fines are to be immediately applied towards Payment of the public Taxes, and burnt.

The Fines paid by Non-Associators are to be safely preserved in the Hands of *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for some unknown Occasion.

RESOLUTIONS *directing the Mode of levying Taxes on* NON-ASSOCIATORS.

1*st Article.* Many healthy rich People, who are above Fifty Years of Age; having no Children under their Care, and their Servants being excused, they bear no Part of the Burthen of Associating; if they are able to pay a Tax of we think they should be put on a Footing with other Non-Associators.

2*d.* We think assessors ought not to be excused, on any Pretence, from performing the Duties enjoined them, without at least paying the Expence of another Person's performing that Duty.

8*th.* Resistance against a common Enemy is equally advantageous to the whole Community, and all the Members of it should contribute their Proportion towards it: But, as some Persons declare themselves conscientiously scrupulous of joining in this most essential Purpose of Society, it ought not to be made their Interest to act so destructive a Part to the very Existence of the Community. The Associators, by these Resolves, are obliged to furnish themselves with a good Firelock, Bayonet, Steel Ramrod, Worm, Priming-Wire and Brush, Cartridge Box, twelve Flints, a Knapsack, Powder-horn and Pouch; he must attend Twenty Days in the Year at the Place of Exercise, at his own Expence, and, in Case of an Invasion, must risk his Life not only in his own Defence, but in that of the Non-Associators's Person, Family and Property.—The Penalty on the Non-Associators, for refusing to do a Duty which he owes to his Country, and to be at all this Trouble, Expence and Risk, is only *Fifty Shillngs per Annum.* The great Advantage given to the Non-Associator, in Point of Interest, would entirely defeat the Association, if the People in general were not actuated by a patriotic Spirit. We pray the Honourable House particularly to attend to this Objection.

If the Number of Times of Exercise was increased in the Manner before-mentioned, and the Non-Associators to pay in Proportion to the Number of such Times of Exercise, and the Associators allowed *One Shilling* for every Day that they exercise to find them in Provisions, the Inequality between Associators and Non-Associators would be greatly reduced.

11*th*. We think the Field-Officers of the several Battalions more proper and impartial Judges to determine Appeals, or discharge or lower Assessments of Non-Associators, than the Commissioners, many of whom are themselves Non-Associators, particularly in this County.

We think, as the Fines for not Associating are fixed at a certain Sum by the Assembly, they should not be lowered or discharged by the Commissioners or any other Person, except for such Reasons as are mentioned in the preceeding Article, *viz.* Death of the Non-Associator or the Dissolution of the Association, as no Fines can accrue after either of those Times; but we are of Opinion, that to lodge so large a Power in the Commissioners, as to discharge or lower Assessments as they shall think proper, will tend to defeat the Association entirely.

We beg Leave further to represent to this Honourable House, that there are a great many Persons able and willing to assist in the Defence of the Province, but cannot afford to buy Arms and Accoutrements, or if they could afford it, the public Demand for them is so great, that they cannot be procured by a Militia; others there are who have Arms, but are unwilling to associate: The Time is now fast approaching, when a large Army is expected to invade the Province, and it will be necessary to strain every Nerve in our Defence.—To have at such a Time a large Number of able-bodied Men useless for Want of Arms, which may easily be procured, would, in our humble Opinions, be extreme bad Policy. We therefore pray the House to direct, that all Non-Associators shall, within a small space of Time, deliver up their Arms to the nearest Captains of the Townships or Places in which they reside, who should appoint proper Persons to value them, and give the respective Owners Certificate of such Receipt and Valuation; and, in Case of a Loss, the Province refund their Value. These Arms to be distributed by the commanding Officers of the several Battalions in the same Manner as the Provincial Arms are distributed.

That the several Matters and Things before-mentioned may be fully considered, and Redress granted in the Premises by the Honourable House, is the humble Prayer of your Petitioners.

MARK BIRD, BALSAR GEEHR,
DANIEL BROADHEAD, JONATHAN POTTS."

In Committee, February 17, 1776.

The foregoing Petition being deliberately read and considered,

Ordered, That the same be signed by the Chairman, in Behalf of this Committee.

MARK BIRD, *Chairman.*"

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from the Magistrates, Sheriff and Coroner of the County of *Northumberland*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, in Pursuance of the express Orders of his Honour the Governor, (founded on a Message from this Honourable House, requesting Orders to be given for a due Execution of the Laws of this Province, in the County of *Northumberland*, &c.) assembled the Posse of this County, in Order to serve Processes upon, apprehend and bring to Justice, a Number of notorious Offenders, who for some Years past have, with open Force, bid Defiance to the Laws of this Province:—That the Posse aforesaid proceeded into the Neighbourhood of *Wyoming*, were unexpectedly fired upon, and one Man killed, and several wounded;—that the Petitioners soon discovering, that the obnoxious Persons were entrenched, and that they could not force a Passage along the accustomed Road, without great Loss, attempted to cross the River, were again fired upon, and had one Man mortally wounded;—that the great Severity of the Weather, with other concurrent Circumstances, determined the Petitioners to return Home;—that the Petitioners are sorry to inform the House, that, notwithstanding their utmost Care and Frugality, a very considerable Expence is incurred by this unfortunate Attempt;—that they hope, however, their Endeavours to support the Laws of the Province will meet with the Approbation of the House, whose Protection they implore; and humbly pray, that some proper and effectual Means may be used to secure them in the peaceable Enjoyment of their Property, and a due Execution of the Laws; or, if Force only must decide the Controversy, (which seems to be the Wish of their Adversaries) the Petitioners beseech the House, that they may not be left single and unsupported to contend with a whole Colony.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor, and having gone through the several Parts thereof,

Ordered, That Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, to continue the Poor-Act near expiring, and to supply such Defects therein, as have been pointed out by the Petition from the Managers of the House of Employment, and the Remonstrance of the Overseers of the Poor.

The Representation from the Assessors of the City of *Philadelphia* being again read,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the above Committee, to be provided for by a special Clause in the Bill they are to bring in.

Upon Motion by a Member,

That the Township of *Passyunk* be henceforth separated from the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the *Northern Liberties*, in the Expence of supporting the Poor of the said City, District and Liberties, at the House of Employment, and the said Township allowed to make Provision within itself for the Maintenance of its own Poor, as formerly;—the said Motion was taken into Consideration, and, after a Debate of some Length, postponed to the First of next Month for further Consideration.

The Bill, entituled "*An Act to enable the Keepers of Records, in the Counties of* Philadelphia *and* Chester, *to remove them to more safe and convenient Places*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Roberts* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land, situated in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a third Reading.

A Petition from the Commitee of Privates of the Military Association of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *PETITION* of the PRIVATES of the MILITARY ASSOCIATION of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners, having the greatest Confidence in the Equity and Justice of this Honourable House, have signed the Articles of Association framed the last Session, notwithstanding the many Difficulties to which they are thereby subjected, and the strong Inducements to them to become Non-Associators by the easy Terms of Exemption, being firmly persuaded that, on a Re-consideration, this Honourable House will remove every reasonable Cause of Complaint, and hear, with favourable Attention, what your Petitioners, with the greatest Deference and Respect, beg Leave to point out as necessary to quiet the Minds of the Associators, and excite them to act with Chearfulness and Vigour in the Service to which they may be called. When the Importance and Necessity of defending our Country, against the Ravages of a cruel and desolating Enemy, are so obvious, no Arguments can be necessary to shew it to be the Duty of every good Citizen to bear an equitable and proportional Part of the public Burthen; and surely no Terms of Exemption, affecting Property meerly, can be deemed equal to the Risks and Dangers to which they expose themselves who are under the most solemn Engagements of Honour and Duty to lay down their Lives, if necessary, in Defence of their Country;—but your Petitioners would more especially solicit the Attention of this Honourable House to the following Particulars, in which they humbly apprehend the Resolutions of the House to be defective.

First. That no Regard has been shewn to the great and *otherwise useless* Expence Associators have been at to equip themselves with Arms and other Accoutrements, and the long and earnest Assiduity with which they have endeavoured to qualify themselves for the Duties of the Field; they beg Leave to observe, that, in levying Penalties upon Non-Associators, this Honourable House have confined their Views to the future only, imposing no more on such Persons than what might be esteemed an Equivalent to the 20 Days which are expected to be employed in the Field;—though this Honourable House, upon the slightest Attention to the Subject, must and indeed seem to be sensible that the Time prescribed is not sufficient to acquire a competent Knowledge of the Art military, as they recommend it to the Associators, not already sufficiently expert, to meet as frequently as they can, at other Times, to perfect themselves in the military Exercise. Here then your Petitioners conceive themselves aggrieved; that, while animated with a fervent Regard to Liberty and

their Country, they have acquired a Share of military Knowledge sufficient, they hope, to encourage them to meet the Enemy in the Field, and being thereby exposed to the greatest Danger, as most capable of repelling it, no Regard has been shewn either to the Expence of Equipment, or Loss of Time in acquiring this useful and necessary Knowledge.——The Hardships and Partiality of the Regulation will farther appear more strongly, when it is considered that your Petitioners will probably be called out to do Duty before many of the Field Days arrive;—so that the strongest Temptations are held out from the Smallness of the Penalty to the Lazy, the Timid and Disaffected, to avoid the Danger and Fatigue, by neglecting to qualify themselves, or at a critical Moment evading their Duty.——So apparent already are the Effects of this Regulation, that Persons of the above Character affect to ridicule those whose Patriotism would lead them to Activity and Action when necessary, by representing this Honourable House as rating their Lives at 50s. a Piece.—Such easy Terms of Exemption, in Times of such imminent Danger, your Petitioners humbly conceive, seem rather an Invitation to prefer Ease, Security and Convenience, to the public Interests and Safety, and, if unaltered, will leave your Petitioners little to hope or expect, but the Exertions and Efforts of a generous Few whose Zeal will probably prove their Destruction.—Your Petitioners humbly presume, that, when so much is at Stake, and there is so little Prospect of securing it but by the Sword, the Terms imposed upon Non-Associators should be such as to induce every Man of suitable Age and Strength (not truly conscientiously scrupulous) to join in the Association, and not such as would lead every one, whose Atachment to the Cause of his Country did not supersede every other Consideration, to pay his Fine and decline serving; they therefore cannot but lament, that while they, who are Enemies to the Liberties and Cause of *America*, may, under the Authority of the Province, appear in the Garb of its best Friends, by paying less than 5*s*. *per* Month; they, who are really its best Friends, are liable, by an accidental Deficiency, to be reproached with Cowardice and exposed to Infamy.

Your Petitioners, sensible that a Compensation for Arms and past Time employed in the public Service involves several important Considerations, do not presume to point out any Sum, but beg Leave to state their Complaint, and leave it to the Wisdom and Justice of the House to give them suitable Redress.—

Secondly. Your Petitioners beg Leave to represent, that, under the present Regulations, the Estates of Non-Associators pay nothing but in common with Associators; and by this Means such Persons, who, by Age or other Incapacity, are not included in the above Articles, have the Protection and Security arising from the Association, upon easier Terms than others; an Indulgence for which, your Petitioners can see no good Reason, and which involves some of the most considerable Estates in the Province;—besides personal Service being principally required for the Protection of Property, your Petitioners would, with all Humility, submit to the Honourable House, whether an annual Sum of so much in the Pound, over and above the Taxes paid equally by Associators and Non-Associators, ought not to be levied on the taxable Estates of all Non-Associators and others, who do not come within the Limits of the Recommendation of the Honourable Continental Congress, respecting a General Association.

Thirdly. Your Petitioners beg Leave to point out a Defect in the above Regulation, respecting Apprentices: In some Cases the Apprentice is willing to associate, and the Master witholds his Consent; in others the Master consents, and the Apprentice refuses. Your Petitioners would humbly propose, that, in the former Case, the Master should pay the Fine; and in the other, that the Apprentice, if of Estate, shall pay the Fine by his Guardian or next Friend; and, if non-estated, suffer such Punishment as the House shall deem proper and suitable to the Offence.

Fourthly. Your Petitioners do most earnestly remonstrate against the Application of the Fines and Penalties levied in Consequence of the Association; As the Money to arise is not by the Way of Tax, to defray the Charge which the Associators may occasion, they humbly conceive that Reason, Custom and Precedent, all concur in shewing, that such Appropriation ought to be for the immediate Support and Encouragement of the Association; and this, they humbly submit, might very properly be done in the following Manner: That all such Fines and Penalties, whether levied from Associators or Non-Associators, be carried unto a Fund by themselves, to be appropriated. *First*, To the Relief of such Associators as may be wounded, or otherwise disabled, in actual Service. *Secondly*, To the Relief and Support of the Widows and Children of those who may be killed in actual Service, by Way of Annuity. *Thirdly*, To the providing of Arms and Accoutrements for such Associators as are unable to furnish themselves. *Fourthly*, To

pay such Associators as, through Poverty, are not in the public Tax-Books, for the Time they may spend in the Field: The Residue, if any, to be applied as before proposed. Such an Appropriation, your Petitioners conceive, would give Life and Spirit to the Association, and, upon a Call of actual Service and Danger, the Mind of the brave Associator would be relieved from those Anxieties for his Family, which would otherwise damp his Ardour, and induce him to avoid Danger rather than meet it.

Fifthly. In Order to prevent any Evasion of the Regulations now or hereafter to be made, your Petitioners pray, that all Persons alledging Scruples of Conscience, or claiming Exemption by Virtue of Age or otherwise, be, if required, under a Test by Oath or Affirmation, before they be admitted to the Indulgence claimed;—as the above Exceptions are not made in Favour of Pretenders, but of those who are truly and really entitled thereto, your Petitioners humbly conceive no good Reason can be offered against such Claimants giving full Satisfaction, on this Head, to those of their Fellow-Citizens who are risking all that is dear and valuable to them in Life, in the Defence of the Rights and Interests of the Province, in which those of all its Inhabitants are included.

Sixthly. Your Petitioners beg Leave to represent, that it has been the Practice of all Countries, and is highly reasonable, that all Persons, (not being Mercenaries) who expose their Lives in Defence of a Country, should be admitted to the Enjoyment of all the Rights and Privileges of a Citizen of that Country which they have defended and protected:—Under this Consideration your Petitioners beg Leave to submit to the House the Case of a Number of brave and spirited *Germans* and others, who have chearfully joined in the Association, but are not entitled to the Privileges of Freemen Electors.——Good Policy, as well as Gratitude, suggest the Propriety of granting every Indulgence which can attach them to this Country, and animate them in its Defence; your Petitioners therefore pray, that some Mode may be adopted for the Purpose.

Seventh. Your Petitioners pray this Honourable House to revise the 34th Article of the Rules, framed the last Session, for the Government of the Associators, by substituting in the Place of the Penalty therein mentioned, "That such Offender shall be forever hereafter incapable of holding any Office of Profit or Trust, under the Authority of this Province:" They moreover pray this Honourable House to give Directions,

to two or more Associators, to join the Commissioners of this City and the several Counties, in hearing the Appeals of such Persons as are mentioned in the 11th Resolution framed in the last Session of this Honourable House.

Eighthly. It is with great Concern your Petitioners inform this Honourable House, that, notwithstanding the Directions given and pointed out the last Session, there is great Reason to fear the Assessors in many Places, from different Motives, have omitted to execute the Branch of their Office which respects the Association:—Your Petitioners therefore pray this Honourable House to make some further Provsion against such Neglect, so that the salutary and beneficial Effects, arising from the Association, may not fail through the Neglect or other Misconduct of those entrusted to carry into Execution the Intentions of this Honourable House.

Your Petitioners, with the utmost Humility, request this Honourable House, to take these Matters into their serious Consideration, and grant them such Relief, as, in their Wisdom and Equity, shall seem best calculated to remove that Inequality which appears in the foregoing Terms of Exemption, and such other Redress as the Nature of the Case may merit and require.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

Signed by Order of the Committee of Privates,

SAMUEL SIMPSON, *Chairman.*

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Memorial from the Officers of the Military Association of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *MEMORIAL* of the OFFICERS of the MILITARY ASSOCIATION of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

Sheweth,

THAT your Memorialists have perused, at the Request of the private Associators of this City and Liberties, their Petition to your Honourable House, and concur with them in the Sentiments therein contained, earnestly desiring the Attention of the Honourable House to the weighty Matters therein set forth:—In Addition to the several Amendments proposed by the Privates to the Rules and Regulations relative to the Associaion, your Memorialists beg Leave to subjoin the following, which they think of great Importance.

That Numbers of the present Associators are People who have not heretofore associated, and therefore are for the most Part undisciplined.

Among these are a great many Apprentices, and others who, however desirous they may be of gaining Military Instruction, will not be permitted to turn out oftener than the Regulations require. And it is well known to Persons of Experience in this Way, that it is impossible to train Men so as to render them expert Soldiers, without great Assiduity and frequent Exercise, and that the Times mentioned in the Regulations are scarce sufficient to perfect a Man even in his Manual.— Your Memorialists therefore request the Honourable House would increase the Number of Days appointed for the General Meetings of Associators, which, in the Opinion of your Memorialists, should be at least once in every Week.

That the Wages appointed for Drummers and Fifers are so extremely triffling (sic) that no Persons can be procured to do the Duty, and our Battalions are almost totally deprived of their Music, as the Drummers and Fifers have left the Association to get Employ where they receive Pay on which they can subsist. That the Drummers and Fifers are in general Persons who have no other Way of gaining a Livelihood; and as much Time is taken up in perfecting themselves they ought, as we conceive, instead of casual and uncertain Pay, to have a permanent and settled Support.

Your Memorialists therefore pray the Honorable House, to raise the Wages of the Drum- and Fife-Majors, and allow the Drummers and Fifers reasonable and constant Pay, that Persons already taught may be induced to join the Association, and that others may be incited to qualify themselves for this Part of Military Duty, which is not merely Parade but absolutely essential to the Service.

That the Officers of the several Battalions experience many Inconveniences from the Want of a Serjeant-Major; and as there are now in all the Battalions Officers tolerably qualified, it is submitted to the Honourable House, whether, instead of an Adjutant, it would not be better to appoint a Serjeant-Major on constant Pay, and let a Subaltern Officer in every Battalion do the Duty of an Adjutant.—

Your Memorialists beg Leave to give it as their Opinion to the Honourable House, that the several Alterations and Amendments pointed out in the Petition from the Privates, together with those before-menioned, being made, the Minds of the People will be entirely satisfied and Strength and Vigour will be given to the Association, which, tho' now very

extensively adopted, will then be more generally agreed to, and which Persons in general signed, not because they esteemed the Regulations perfect or in all Cases proper, but from their Zeal for the Cause and the Confidence they had in the Honourable House that you would be pleased to remedy all Defects when applied to for that Purpose.

By Order of a Board of Officers,

DANIEL ROBERDEAU, *President.*"

Philadelphia, February 21, 1776.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Remonstrance and Petition from the Committee of Inspection and Observation of the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The REMONSTRANCE and PETITION of the COMMITTEE of INSPECTION and OBSERVATION of *Chester* County,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT your Remonstrants, in Obedience to the Resolves of this Honourable House,—and from Zeal to the Cause of their Country,—have, since your last Session, used their best Endeavours to prevail on the People of this County to adopt and sign the Articles for the better Government of the Military Association; but we find them not so well received as the Exigency of the Times requires;—and are apprehensive, unless your Honours will, at this Session, amend such Parts thereof as are the most exceptionable,—they will not be generally signed, but by those who think it better to adopt any Government rather than none.

Your Remonstrants beg Leave briefly to mention some of the Articles, which the People most generally object to, *viz.* They say, "that the Burthen of the Association falls chiefly on the poor and middling Sort of the Inhabitants,——whilst the more opulent are, for the most Part, exempt,—they carrying on their Business by bought Servants and Negroes:—On the contrary, those, in low and middling Circumstances, are obliged to take in Apprentices; the arming of which, together with their Loss of Time, will be extremely burthensome;—so much so, that they cannot comply with the Resolves of the House, without distressing themselves and Families:—But, were Arms and Accoutrements to be provided at

the public Charge, they are ready to conform to the other Parts as far as in their Power."

Your Remonstrants are humbly of Opinion, that the above Objections are founded in Justice,—and firmly believe, that was some Measure taken to provide Arms for the Whole, at the public Charge, and all able-bodied Men, from Sixteen to Sixty, obliged to associate or pay the Fine, that then it would be generally adopted.

Your Remonstrants therefore humbly request your Honours to take the Premises under your serious Consideration, and make such Alterations, in the present Association, as to you may seem just and reasonable.

Signed by Order and in Behalf of the Committee,

Chester, February 12, 1776. ANTHONY WAYNE, *Chairman.*

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning,

February 24, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land, situated in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Thomson* be added to the Committee of Safety.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

February 26, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 27, 1776.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esquire, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

"SIR, *February* 26, 1776.

I AM extremely sensible of the Honour done me by my

Fellow-Citizens, in chusing me their Representative in Assembly, and of that lately conferred on me by the House, in appointing me one of the Committee of Safety for this Province, and a Delegate to the Congress. It would be a Happiness to me, if I could serve the Public duly in all those Stations; but, aged as I now am, I feel myself unequal to so much Business, and on that Account think it my Duty to decline a Part of it. I hope therefore, that the House will be so good as to accept my Excuse for not attending as a Member of the present Assembly, and, if they think fit, give Orders for the Election of another in my Place, that the City may be more completely represented.

I request also that the House would be pleased to dispense with my further Attendance as one of the Committee of Safety.

With the greatest and most sincere Respect to yourself and the House, I have the Honour to be, SIR,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant,

To the Honourable JOHN MORTON, *Esquire.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Letter,

Resolved, That the Seat of the said Member, in this House, be vacated accordingly, and that the Speaker do issue his Order to the Provincial Secretary for the Election of another fit Person, in the Room of the Member who has resigned.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message, the Letter sent down with it, and the Petition from the Magistrates and Sheriff of the County of *Northumberland*, and after a Debate of some Length, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Copy of his Order to the Secretary, requiring him to issue a Writ for the Election of a Member of Assembly, in the Place of *Benjamin Franklin*, Esquire, who has resigned, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

Pennsylvania, ss.

BY a Resolve of Assembly of this Day, I am impowered and directed to order the Provincial Secretary, that he do issue a Writ to the Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, for the Election of a Member to serve as a Representative in this Assembly, for the City of *Philadelphia*, in the Room of *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; who has requested Leave to resign his Seat in the said Assembly.

Therefore, by Virtue of the said Resolve, and in Pursuance of a Law of this Province in that Case made and provided,

I do require that a Writ be issued to the Sheriff of the said County for the Purpose aforesaid, according to the Direction of the said Law. Dated at *Philadelphia*, the Twenty-seventh Day of *February*, *Anno Domini*, 1776.

To JOSEPH SHIPPEN, *Esq*; JOHN MORTON, *Speaker.*"

Provinial Secretary.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 28, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition signed by a considerable Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *York*, was presented to the House and read, praying an Allowance of more Members to represent the said County in Assembly.

Ordered to lie in (sic) the Table.

Mr. *Hillegas* presented at the Table an Account from Messieurs *William* and *Thomas Bradford*, Printers, amounting to *Fifteen Pounds*, for forty Copies of the Journal of Congress, which was read and referred to the Committee of Accounts.

A Petition signed by a considerable Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Berks*, was presented to the House and read, praying an Allowance of more Members to represent the said County in Assembly.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition signed by a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, was presented to the House and read, praying an Allowance of more Members to represent the said County in Assembly.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the several Memorials and Petitions from the Officers and Privates of the Military Association, pointing out Defects and praying Alterations in the Rules and Regulations formed by the House, for the better Government of the said Association, and after a Debate of considerable Length, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Petitions from the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Northumberland*, signed by a great Number of the Inhabitants, were presented to the House and read, praying an Allowance of more Members to represent the said Counties in Assembly.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Memorials and Petitions from the Officers and Privates of the Military Association, and after further Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Slough*,

Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Kachlein*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to revise the Rules and Regulations formed by this House for the better Government of the Military Association, together with the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators,—to report such Alterations and Additions thereto as shall appear necessary;—also to select from the Petitions of the Associators, lately presented, such Parts as point out Defects and propose Amendments to the said Rules and Regulations, and lay them before the House, in one View, for the more easy Consideration thereof.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue and amend the Watch and Lamp Act, reported a Draught for that Purpose, entituled, An Act to continue Part of an Act, made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty GEORGE the Third, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and '*for making further Provision for the better executing the said Act,*' which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of the 22d Instant, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Answer to the said Message.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

February 29, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Resolutions of Congress, laid before the House the Twenty-second Instant, were again read by Order, and are as follow, *viz.*

In CONGRESS, *October* 26, 1775.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Provincial Assemblies, Conventions or Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies, to export to the foreign *West-Indies*, on Account and Risk of their respective Colonies, as much Provision or other Produce, (except horned Cattle, Sheep, Hogs and Poultry) as they may deem necessary for the Importation of Arms, Ammunition, Sulphur and Salt-Petre.

November 4.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Assemblies or Conventions of the Colonies respectively, to set and keep

their Gunsmiths at Work to manufacture good Firelocks, with Bayonets; each Firelock to be made with a good Bridle Lock, ¾ of an Inch Bore, and of good Substance at the Breech.—— The Barrel to be three Feet eight Inches in Length. The Bayonet to be eighteen Inches in the Blade, with a steel Ramrod, the Upper-End thereof to be Trumpet-mouthed: That the Price to be given be fixed by the Assembly, or Convention, or Committee of Safety of each Colony; and that, until a sufficient Quantity of good Arms can be manufactured, they import as many as are wanted by all the Means in their Power.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Legislatures, Assemblies or Conventions of the Colonies, to enact a Law or pass an Ordinance inflicting the following Punishments upon such as harbour Deserters knowing them to be such, *viz.* A Fine upon all such Offenders not less than Thirty nor more than Fifty Dollars, and in Case of Inability to pay the Fine, to be punished with Whipping not less than Thirty-nine Lashes for each Offence. Also that they impower the Commander in Chief, or the Officer commanding a Detachment, or any Outpost, to administer an Oath, and swear any Person or Persons to the Truth of any Information or Intelligence, or any other Matter relative to the public Service.

November 25.

Resolved, That all such Ships of War, Frigates, Sloops, Cutters and armed Vessels, as are or shall be employed in the present cruel and unjust War against the United Colonies, and shall fall into the Hands of, or be taken by, the Inhabitants thereof, be seized and forfeited to and for the Purposes herein after mentioned.

That all Transport-Vessels in the same Service, having on Board any Troops, Arms, Ammunition, Cloathing, Provisions, or Military or Naval Stores, of what Kind soever, and all Vessels, to whomsoever belonging, that shall be employed in carrying Provisions or other Necessaries to the *British* Army, or Armies, or Navy, that now are or shall hereafter be within any of the United Colonies, or any Goods, Wares or Merchandize for the Use of such Fleet or Army, shall be liable to Seizure, and with their Cargoes shall be confiscated.

That no Master or Commander of any Vessel shall be intitled to cruize for or make Prize of any Vessel or Cargo, before he shall have obtained a Commission from the Congress, or from such Person or Persons as shall be for that Purpose appointed in some one of the United Colonies.

That it be and is hereby recommended to the several Legis-

latures in the United Colonies, whether Assemblies or Conventions, as soon as possible to erect Courts of Justice or give Jurisdiction to the Courts now in being for the Purpose of determining concerning the Captures to be made as aforesaid, and to provide that all Trials in such Case be had by a Jury, under such Qualifications as to the respective Legislatures shall seem expedient.

That all Prosecutions shall be commenced in the Court of that Colony in which the Captures shall be made, but if no such Court be, at that Time, erected in the said Colony, or if the Capture be made on open Sea, then the Prosecution shall be in the Court of such Colony as the Captor may find most convenient; provided that nothing contained in this Resolution shall be construed so as to enable the Captor to remove his Prize from any Colony competent to determine concerning the Seizure after he shall have carried the Vessel so seized within any Harbour of the same.

That in all Cases an Appeal shall be allowed to the Congress, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for the Trials of Appeals, provided the Appeal be demanded within five Days after definitive Sentence, and such Appeal be lodged with the Secretary of Congress within forty Days afterwards, and provided the Party appealing shall give Security to prosecute the said Appeal to Effect. And in Case of the Death of the Secretary during the Recess of Congress, then the said Appeal to be lodged in Congress within twenty Days after the Meeting thereof.

That when any Vessel or Vessels shall be fitted out at the Expence of any private Person or Persons, then the Captures made shall be to the Use of the Owner or Owners of the said Vessel or Vessels; that where the Vessels employed in the Capture shall be fitted out at the Expence of any of the United Colonies, then one Third of the Prize taken shall be to the Use of the Captors, and the remaining two Thirds to the Use of the said Colony. And where the Vessel so employed shall be fitted out at the Continental Charge, then one Third shall go to Captors, and the remaining two Thirds to the Use of the United Colonies; provided nevertheless, that if the Capture be a Vessel of War, then the Captors shall be intitled to one Half of the Value, and the Remainder shall go to the Colony or Continent, as the Case may be, the necessary Charges of Condemnation of all Prizes being deducted before Distribution made.

That in Cases of Re-captures, the Re-captors have and retain, in Lieu of Salvage, One Eighth Part of the true Value

of the Vessel and Cargo, or either of them, if the same hath or have been in the Possession of the Enemy Twenty-four Hours, and less than Forty-eight Hours, One Third Part if more than Forty-eight and less than Ninety-six Hours, and One Half if more than Ninety-six Hours, unless the Vessel shall, after the Capture, have been legally condemned, as Prize, by some Court of Admiralty, in which Case the Recaptors to have the Whole. In all which Cases the Share detained, or Prize, to be divided between the Owners of the Ship making the Re-capture, the Colony or the Continent as the Case may be, and the Captors agreeable to the former Resolution.

December 26.

Whereas the Congress, on the 29th Day of *November*, *Resolved*, that a farther Sum of *Three Millions of Dollars* be emitted in Bills of Credit.

Resolved, That the Thirteen United Colonies be pledged for the Redemption of the Bills of Credit so directed to be emitted.

That each Colony provide Ways and Means to sink its Proportion of the said Bills, in such Manner as may be most effectual and best adapted to the Condition, Circumstances and equal Mode of levying Taxes in each Colony.

That the Proportion, or Quota of each respective Colony, be determined according to the Number of Inhabitants of all Ages, including Negroes and Mulattoes in each Colony.

That it be recommended to the several Assemblies, Conventions, or Councils or Committees of Safety of the respective Colonies, to ascertain, by the most impartial and effectual Means in their Power, the Number of Inhabitants in each respective Colony, taking Care that the List be authenticated by the Oaths or Affirmations of the several Persons who shall be entrusted with this Service; and that the said Assemblies, Conventions, or Councils or Committees of Safety, do respectively lay before Congress a Return of the Number of Inhabitants of their respective Colonies, as soon as the same shall be procured.

That each Colony pay its respective Quota in Four equal Payments; the First to be made on or before the last Day of *November*, 1783; the Second on or before the last Day of *November*, 1784; the Third on or before the last day of *November*, 1785, and the Fourth or last on or before the last Day of *November*, 1786.

And that for this End, the several Assemblies or Conventions provide for laying and levying Taxes, in their re-

spective Colonies, towards sinking the Continental Bills; that the said Bills be received by the Collectors in Payment of such Taxes, and be, by the Collectors, paid into the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, with all such other Monies as they may receive in Lieu of the Continental Bills, which other Monies the Provincial Treasurers shall endeavour to get exchanged for Continental Bills, and where that cannot be done, shall send to the Continental Treasurers the Deficiency in Silver and Gold, with the Bills, making up the Quota to be sunk in that Year, taking Care to cut, by a circular Punch of an Inch Diameter, an Hole in such Bills, and to cross the same, thereby to render them unpassable, though the Sum or Value is to remain fairly legible. And the Continental Treasurers, as fast as they receive the said Quotas, shall, with the Assistance of a Committee of Five Persons to be appointed by the Congress then sitting, or by the Assembly or Convention of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, examine and count the Continental Bills, and in the Presence of the said Committee burn and destroy them.

And the Silver and Gold sent them to make up the Deficiences (sic) of Quotas, they shall retain in their Hands, until demanded in Redemption of Continental Bills that may be brought to them for that Purpose, which Bills so redeemed they shall also burn and destroy in the Presence of the said Committee. And the Treasurers, whenever they have Silver or Gold in their Hands, for the Redemption of Continental Bills, shall advertise the same, signifying that they are ready to give Gold or Silver for such Bills to all Persons requiring it in Exchange.

Resolved, That the Inspectors of the Press deliver the Proof-Sheets and Checks of the Continental Bills to the Continental Treasurers, and that they deliver one of each to the Delegates of every Colony to remain with the Provincial Treasurer to be appointed in such Colony, and retain the Rest in their Hands.

Whereas there is Reason to believe, that divers Persons, either from Inattention to the Public Good, or with Design to retard the recruiting Service, have arrested and imprisoned, for very trifling Debts, many Soldiers who had engaged to risque their Lives in Defence of the Rights and Liberties of *America*; and as it has always been found necessary in Time of War, to regulate and restrain a Practice of such pernicious Tendency, and in such Cases to abate the Rigours of Law,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Legislatures in these Colonies, whether Assemblies or Conventions,

to pass Acts or Ordinances prohibiting the Arrests of Continental Soldiers for small Debts. And, in order that the same Rule may pervade all the Colonies, that no such Soldier be arrested at the Suit of any of his Creditors, unless the said Creditor make Oath that the said Soldier is justly indebted to him in the Sum of *Thirty-five Dollars*, over and above all Discounts: And that the Estate of no such Soldier be liable to Attachment at the Suit or for the Benefit of all his Creditors, unless their Debts in the Whole, on being ascertained by their Oaths, shall amount to more than *One Hundred and Fifty Dollars*.

Extract from the Minutes,
CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary*."

The Committee of Accounts, to whom the Barrack-Master's Account was referred for Consideration, reported they had examined the same, and are of Opinion it ought to be immediately paid. And an Order being drawn at the Table on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for £211 17 6 in Discharge of the said Account, the same was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Hillegas*.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land, situate in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," being transcribed according to Order, and read the third time, a Member presented at the Table a Rider to the said Bill, which was read the first time, and ordered a second Reading in the Afternoon.

A Petition from *John Marshall*, Thread-maker, from *England*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, emboldened by the laudable Attention of the Honourable House to the Promotion and Encouragement of useful Manufactures in this Province, begs Leave to represent, that, at a considerable Expence, and after several Years close Application, he hath made himself perfect Master of the aforesaid Business, in all its Branches, according to the best-established and approved Methods practised in the most noted manufacturing Towns in *England*;—that, about sixteen Months ago, the Petitioner arrived in this City, and engaged with the Managers of the House of Employment, at a small annual Salary, where, by their Permission, at his own Risque, and at a very considerable Cost, he erected several useful Implements and Machines, the whole of which are now in Use there;—that the most material Machine is a Twisting and Throwing Mill entirely of the Petitioner's own Invention, which is a most excellent Improvement upon any heretofore

known, and answering every Purpose that was expected, greatly forwarding the Business, by lessening the Labour that was otherwise necessary for carrying it on; and such a one, as he apprehends, was never known before in any Part of the World;—that the Petitioner hath, in the said House of Employment, brought the Thread-Manufactory to a Perfection before unknown in this Province, or, as he is informed, in *America*, it being generally allowed by the Consumers, (the only true Judges) that the Threads he manufactures there are vastly preferable to any imported, or elsewhere had;—that the Petitioner, far from wanting to make any Secret of his Business or Machine, is willing to instruct any proper or capable Persons in the whole Business; and to do every Thing in his Power to establish the Manufacture in this Province; the great Utility of which, on many Accounts, is universally acknowledged, and more particularly at this Time necessary.

That the Petitioner therefore prays the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and hopes they will consider him as an useful Manufacturer, as also the first Inventor and Introducer of a most excellent Machine into this Province, not applied to his own Benefit, by the partial or exclusive Use of it, but that it is of a public Benefit and Utility, being as aforesaid now in Use at the House of Employment, and that the Honourable House will grant him such Bounty or Encouragement as he may be judged to merit.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Memorial from the Managers of the united Company of *Philadelphia*, for promoting *American* Manufactures, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pennock*, Mr. *Grubb*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to consider of, and report to the House, the best Mode of encouraging the Culture of Flax in this Province.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Keepers of Records, in the Counties of* Philadelphia *and* Chester, *to remove them to more safe and convenient Places*," and acquainted the House he should be ready to pass the said Bill into a Law whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *John Onions*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Chreist* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill."

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolutions of the Continental Congress laid before them on *Thursday* the Twenty-second Instant, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Gibbons*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to make Enquiry, what Part of the Arms and Accoutrements, directed by the late Assembly to be provided for public Use, are now compleated, and when the Whole will probably be procured;—and that the said Members use their utmost Endeavours to forward this necessary Business in their respective Counties.

The House being informed by a Member, who is also a Member of the Committee of Safety, that the Committee have diligently applied themselves to the promoting the Manufacture of good Arms in this Province,

Resolved, That the Resolution of Congress of the Fourth of *November* last be transmitted to the Committee of Safety, and that they be directed to prosecute their Measures for the procuring good Arms with the utmost Industry.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Wynkoop*, Mr. *Pyle*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare a Resolve inflicting the following Punishments upon such Persons as harbour Deserters from the Continental and Provincial Forces, knowing them to be such, *viz.* a Fine upon all such Offenders, not less than *Thirty* or more than *Fifty Dollars*, and in Case of Refusal or Inability to pay the Fine, to be punished with Imprisonment not exceeding Months for each Offence; and that such Resolve do also extend to institute some proper Court or Authority for the Trial of such Offenders, with suitable Powers and under proper Limitations.

Ordered, That the Resolution of Congress, respecting the Delegation of Power to the Commander in Chief, or Officer commanding a Detachment, or Out-Post, to administer an Oath, be referred to the said Committee, and Provision made accordingly.

Ordered, That the Resolution, recommending to the Legislatures of the several Colonies to erect Courts of Justice for the Purpose of determining concerning Captures, be adopted, and referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Resolution, for ascertaining the Number of Inhabitants in each Colony, be recommended to the Attention of the said Committee, and that this Service be performed by the Township and Ward Assessors within their respective Districts.

Ordered, That the Resolution, recommending to the several Assemblies to pass Acts or Ordinances for prohibiting Arrests of Continental and Provincial Soldiers, be complied with, and referred to the said Committee.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Township of *Passyunk*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The PETITION *of divers* INHABITANTS *of the Township of* Passyunk, *in the County of* Philadelphia,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners, having heard the Honourable House are about extending, for a further Time, the Act for the better Employment of the Poor in the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, the Townships of *Moyamensing*, *Passyunk* and the *Northern Liberties*, and the Supplement thereto, which are nearly expiring by their own Limitation, beg Leave to represent, that divers Inhabitants and Freeholders of the said Township of *Passyunk*, oppressed with many Grievances under those Acts, which they set forth in their Petition presented to your Honourable House on the First Day of *February*, 1769, to which Petition we refer your Honour's, did pray for a Repeal of those Laws, but were so unfortunate as not to succeed: That, as the Grievances then complained of still continue, your Petitioners humbly pray your Honourable House will not any longer oblige the Inhabitants of the said Township of *Passyunk* to support the Poor of another District, so contrary to the general Tenor of the Laws for the Support of the Poor through the Province; but that, like the other Townships, they may be left to support their own Poor.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will ever pray, *&c.*

HENRY MAAG, JOHN WRIGHT,
CASPER CLICKNEW, SAMUEL MORRIS.
GEORGE S. HOFFNER, Jun.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *William Scout*, of *Moorland*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, Fugalman, complaining that he has not re-

ceived the Wages due to him for his Services, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Robert Colvin*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 1, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Rider to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a Tract of Land in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition from the Committee of Inspection for the County of *Bucks* was presented to the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *PETITION* of the COMMITTEE of INSPECTION for the County of *Bucks*,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT, as a general Uneasiness prevails among the Associators in this County, on Account of the late Military Resolutions of this Honourable House, and many Persons have signed them, under a full Persuasion that Amendments would be made therein; and as there are many able-bodied Men, between the Age of Fifty and Sixty Years, possessed of large Estates, who are entirely exempt from Military Duty and Expence, your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that the Association may be extended to the Age of Sixty.

And, as the Tax upon Non-Associators is considered merely as an equivalent for personal Services, and the Associators have no Compensation for their Arms and Accoutrements, not to mention the Dangers they will be exposed to when called into actual Service, your Petitioners pray, that an additional Tax be laid upon the Estates of Non-Associators proportionate to the Expences of the Associators necessarily incurred for the general Defence of Property.

And, as by marching whole Battalions or Companies of Militia, large Tracts of Country will be left destitute of Men, except those who either hold all Resistance unlawful, or such as are disaffected to the present Measures, your Petitioners therefore beg Leave to submit it to the Consideration of the

House, whether it would not be better to direct the Colonels to draught from their Battalions such Number as shall, from Time to Time, be requisite, thereby affording an Opportunity for those whose Circumstances will not always admit their going to get Volunteers in their Stead, and at the same Time leaving sufficient Force in every Part of the Country to quell any local Insurrections.

All which your Petitioners humbly pray may be taken into the Consideration of the House, and such Amendments made as you, in your Wisdom, shall see meet.

Per Order of the Committee,
JOSEPH HART, *Chairman.*"

Bucks County, in Committee,
February 27, 1776.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Township of *New Britain*, concerning the Settlement of the Account of Expences exhibited to the Committee for Captain *William Roberts's* Company in the said Township, was presented to the House and read, praying the said Account may be re-examined.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to extend the Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Remonstrance from the Managers of the House of Employment was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The REMONSTRANCE of the MANAGERS of the HOUSE of EMPLOYMENT and ALMS HOUSE, in the City of *Philadelphia*,

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT, being informed of a Motion made to your Honourable House, for separating the Township of *Passyunk* from the City, and other the Townships, by Law now united, for the Support and Employment of their Poor, crave Leave to remark:

First. That their being so united was the Cause of making the Building, for the Reception and Employment of the Poor, much larger than it otherwise need to have been, which we

apprehend one good Reason why they ought not now to be separated.

Secondly. That there cannot be any great Cause of Complaint from those who reside in the Township; for it appears, that one Tax of *Three-pence* per Pound raises, on an Average, one Year with another, but about £40 on *Passyunk*; Three-fifths of which is paid by Residents in this City; and if light Objections are encouraged, they will be likely to produce new Complaints on every trivial Occasion.

Thirdly. That, by the Law which incorporated them, it is enacted, that, in Five Years after the Sale of the old Alms House Square, a Sum, equal to One-fourth Part of what said Square sold for, should be collected and paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation by the Townships, over and above the Sums of Money that may be found necessary for Support of the Poor.

Fourthly. That the Five Years are expired since the Sale of the Alms House Square; therefore the Fourth Part of the Money, for which it sold, is now become a Debt due from the Townships, which we hope your Honourable House will be of Opinion with us, ought to be paid, and not evaded by any Murmurs or trifling Complaints of the said Townships.

Fifthly. That one principal Reason, for uniting the Townships, was to prevent the unavoidable Necessity of frequent Removals and Appeals, which is well known to occasion much Expence and Trouble, often more than would maintain the Poor.

Sixthly. That, on Account of the Union, the Buildings are made large enough to accommodate their united Poor, and should any one of the Townships be allowed to separate, the others may make the same Request, (as they once did, and were, by the then Honourable House, discouraged) the City then will be burthened with an insupportable Debt.

Your Remonstrants therefore earnestly beg your Honourable House will take the Premises into Consideration; and we confide, that such Applications, as have a manifest Tendency to disunite the Townships from the City and Districts, and introduce a Train of Consequences evil in their Nature and destructive in their End, will be discouraged.

Signed at the Request of the Managers,

By JACOB SHOEMAKER.

Philadelphia, February 29, 1776.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Williams*, a Prisoner for Debt in the

Gaol of *Lancaster* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton*,—a Copy of a Memorial from the said Freeholders and Inhabitants delivered to Congress in *December* last, and several Affidavits taken in the said County, were presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read, and agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

A Memorial from the Committee of Safety was presented to the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *MEMORIAL* of the COMMITTEE of SAFETY.

THE Committee have, ever since their Appointment, applied themselves, with the greatest Zeal and Fidelity, to the important Trust confided to them, in providing Means for the Defence of this Province; they were, however, such Means only as were thought more immediately requisite for our Security against the Attempts made by a Naval Armament, and were besides necessarily confined within the Limits of the Funds alloted to them by your Honourable House;—but they beg Leave to represent, that, as every Day brings with it fresh Proofs of the Violence of the *British* Ministry, and of their fixed Purpose to subdue the free Spirit of *America*, that has yet given such Obstruction to all their Schemes of Tyranny and Despotism—a Purpose assisted too by an obsequious Parliament, which may not speak the genuine Sense of the Nation, though it has unhappily the Direction of its Force, it truly becomes us to prepare seriously for the Storm gathering over the Colonies, and which, in the Uncertainty of its Course, may, in a few Weeks, fall upon this Province. This being the Idea of the Committee, they have come to the following Resolution, claiming the most earnest Attention of your Honourable House thereto.

Resolved, "That Application be made to the Honourable the House of Representatives, praying that they will take Order

for the Raising of Two Thousand Men, to act in the Defence of this Province, and this Board will represent it, as their Opinion that it will be most for the public Service, that one Battalion of Regular Troops be formed out of that Number, and the Remainder be a Body of Rifle-Men."

The Committee beg Leave to solicit your Attention to another Object also of extensive Importance, the Military Association: The general Sentiments concerning which, they have in the Recess of Assembly had an Opportunity of collecting, and though such Numbers already have, and, we hope, will still engage in it, under its present Form, as may prove a considerable Addition to our Strength, yet, as there are material Objections made to it, and as they understand are to be laid before your Honourable House by divers respectable Bodies of Men, they submit to you, whether it will not be highly expedient, and consistent with good Policy, immediately to remove every Cause of Discontent, on this Head, from the Minds of the Associators, who, under an Apprehension of partial and unequal Burthens imposed on them, have nevertheless had the Virtue not to refuse their Services to their Country, in Confidence that your Honourable House will reconsider the several Provisions and Regulations complained of, and give them Satisfaction therein.

By Order of the Committee,

ALEXANDER WILCOCKS, *Chairman.*"

In Committee of Safety,
Philadelphia, February 22, 1776.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House being informed by the Speaker, that the *Indians* now in Town request to be supplied with a Horse, a Beaver Trap, and some other Necessaries,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Parker* provide the said *Indians* with the Articles they mention, and such other little Matters as the Members think expedient.

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message being transcribed according to Order, was signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

May it please your HONOUR,

WE have taken into our Consideration your Message of the Twenty-second Instant, respecting the Expences incurred in Obedience to your Order for carrying into Execution the Laws of this Province, in the County of *Northumberland*, and request your Honour would be pleased to furnish the House with a Copy of the Orders given on that Occasion: And also, that you would direct a particular Account to be laid before

us of the Expence which has accrued, to enable us to judge of the Propriety and Amount of the Provision expected from us.

Signed by Order of the House,
March 1, 1776. JOHN MORTON, Speaker."

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Hunter* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Answer to his Message, and deliver the same.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 2, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend and continue the Act entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue Part of an Act* made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King GEORGE the Third, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;" and '*for making further Provisions for the better executing the said Act*,' which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Rider to the Bill entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land situate in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and annexed to the Bill.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

March 4, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *John Lytel*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Lancaster* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Petitions of *Robert Colvin* and *John Williams*, insolvent Debtors in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaster* Counties, being again read, were referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition of *John Marshall*, Thread-Maker, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to view the Machines contrived by the Petitioner for throwing and twisting of Thread, and report their Opinion thereof.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 5, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

By the Return of the Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, produced at the Table, it appearing that *David Rittenhouse*, Esq; was, on the second Instant, elected a Representative in Assembly for the City of *Philadelphia*, and the said Gentleman this Day attending the House, he was qualified as a Member, and took his Seat accordingly.

It appearing to the House upon proper Proof that *John Fulton* and *James Kelly* are justly entitled to the Rewards advertised for apprehending a certain *Fleming Elliot*, charged with the Murder of *John Faughnar* in *Chester* County, an Order was drawn on the Provincial Treasurer for the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, payable to the said *Fulton* and *Kelly*, in full of the Reward of *Fifty Pounds* offered by Government, and of *Ten Pounds* given by certain Inhabitants of the County aforesaid, for bringing the Offender to Justice.

A Petition from *Patrick Wright*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That this House will, on *Friday* next, take into Consideration the great Number of Petitions, lately presented from the several back Counties, for an Increase of Members to represent the said Counties respectively in Assembly.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down to the House a Copy of his Letter to the Magistrates of *Northumberland* County on the Twenty-fifth of *November* last, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN, *Philadelphia*, 25*th November*, 1775.

'I HAVE just now received a Message from the Assembly,

founded on a Letter addressed to them from the County of *Northumberland*, respecting the *Connecticut* Settlers at *Wyoming*, requesting me to give Orders for a due Execution of the Laws of this Province in the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*. In Consequence thereof I do most chearfully order you to use your utmost Diligence and Activity in putting the Laws of this Province in Execution throughout the County of *Northumberland*; and you may depend on the Faith of the House, and my Concurrence with them, that every proper and necessary Expence that may be incurred on the Occasion, shall be defrayed. I am, Gentlemen.

Your most obedient humble Servant,

To WILLIAM PLUNKET, *Esq*; JOHN PENN."
and his Associates, Justices
of the Peace for the County
of Northumberland.

On Delivery of the above, Mr. Secretary informed the House, his Honour had not yet received a proper Account of the Expences attending the late Expedition to *Wyoming*, but would give immediate Orders to have such Account laid before him, and communicate the same to the House.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Memorial from the Committee of Safety, respecting the raising of Troops for the Defence of this Province, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Estimate of the Expence of levying a Body of Fifteen Hundred Men and victualling and paying them for one Year.

A Number of Petitions from the Counties of *York*, *Cumberland*, *Berks* and *Bedford*, for more Members to represent the said Counties respectively in Assembly, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Committee of Officers and Privates, belonging to Col. *Richard Thomas's* Battalion of *Chester* County, was presented to the House and read, setting forth that the Petitioners apprehending themselves aggrieved by several of the Regulations of the Honourable House, for the better Government of the Associators of this Province, beg Leave to represent that it is their Opinion there is a Necessity of an Amendment to the said Regulations in the following Particulars, *viz.* 1st. They imagine it would be more equitable in itself and advantageous to the Public, if the Arms and Accoutrements were provided at the Expence of the Province, and made Provincial Property.——2dly. They apprehend the

present Fines and Taxes upon both Associators and Non-Associators to be considerably too low.—3dly. They are of Opinion, that the Limitations with regard to the Age of those who come under the Notice of the Regulations, whether as Associators or Non-Associators, ought to be extended;——that the Petitioners, confiding in the Regard of the Honourable House to the Welfare and Safety of the Province, humbly refer these Matters to their serious Consideration, and hope for Redress in the above Particulars, or such other Relief as may be thought proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Town of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth that a Number of the Regulars who were taken Prisoners at Fort *St. Johns* are confined in the said Town;—that having no Barracks, such of the Petitioners, to whom it was the least inconvenient, were obliged to lodge the said Prisoners in their Houses;—that in all Probability, from the Situation of the said Town, the Petitioners will have more Inconveniences of the same Kind to labour under from the Billetting of Continental Troops as well as Prisoners;—that from the Idleness of the said Prisoners Manner of Living they will probably become disorderly, and they may be more easily restrained from Mischief by being all confined to one Place in the Night Time;——that the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House will take the Premises into Consideration, and erect Barracks in the said Town capable of containing Four or Five Hundred Men.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Petition of *John Onions*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was again read and referred to the Committee of Grievances.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *John Lytell*, and after some Debate,

Ordered, That Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to examine the Petitioners Papers and report thereon to the House.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Estimate of the Expence of levying a Body of Fifteen Hundred Men and victualing and paying them for One Year, reported a Draught for that Purpose, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

ESTIMATE of the PAY and SUBSISTANCE of 1500 Men for One Month.

TWO BATTALIONS of RIFLE-MEN.

1	Colonel,	a 50 Dollars per Month,	50 Dollars.
2	Lieutenant-Colonels, each	40	80
2	Majors,	33 1-3	66 2-3
12	Captains,	26 2-3	320
24	First- and Second-Lieutenants,	18	432
12	Third-Lieutenants,	13 1-3	160
48	Sergeants,	8	384
12	Fifers,	7 1-3	88
12	Drums,	7 1-3	88
1	Quarter-Master,	18 1-3	18 1-3
2	Adjutants,	18 1-3	36 2-3
2	Surgeons,	25	50
2	Surgeons Mates,	13 1-3	26 2-3
1	Chaplain,	20	20
867	Privates,	5	4335
1000			6155 1-3 Dollars.

1087 Rations [Fireing included] a 9d. per Day is £ 1222 17 6 per Month, Which is equal to — — — — — — 3261

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ONE BATTALION of MUSKET-MEN.

1	Colonel,	50 Dollars per Month,	50 Dollars.
1	Lieutenant-Colonel,	40	40
1	Major,	33 1-3	33 1-3
8	Captains, each	26 2-3	213 1-3
8	Lieutenants,	18	144
8	Ensigns,	13 1-3	106 2-3
16	Sergeants,	8	128
16	Corporals,	7 1-3	117 1-3
8	Fifes,	7 1-3	58 2-3
8	Drums,	7 1-3	58 2-3
1	Quarter-Master,	18 1-3	18 1-3
1	Adjutant,	18 1-3	18 1-3
1	Surgeon,	25	25
1	Surgeon's Mate,	13 1-3	13 1-3
1	Chaplain,	20	20
420	Privates,	5	2100
500			3145 Dollars.

549 Rations [Fireing included] a 9d. per Day is £ 636 0 0 per Month, Which is equal to 1680

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Total 14,241 1-3 Dollars per Month, — — — — — 14,241 1-3

12 Months Pay and Subsistance for 1500 Men, a 14,241 1-3 Dollars per Month, — — — — — — — — — — — — 170,896 Dol.

Raising 1407 Men a 1 1-3 Dollar each, — — — — — — 1,876

172,772 Dol.

Equal to £ 64,789 10 0 Pennsylvania Currency.

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Estimate,

The following Questions were called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

1st. Whether the House will levy and take into Pay Fifteen Hundred Men, (Officers included) for the immediate Defence of this Province? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

2dly. Whether the said Men shall be enlisted to serve till the First Day of *January*, 1778, subject to be discharged, at any Time, upon the Advance of a Month's Pay to each Man?

The Members dividing equally on this Question, the casting Vote was given, by the Speaker, in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 6, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that many of the Petitioners have taken Money from the Province upon Loan; and, as a Security that such Money should be refunded at different Times, agreeable to an Act of Assembly of the said Province, have mortgaged their landed Estates;—that, at the Time the Petitioners gave such Security, they were by no means apprehensive of the Troubles which have since arisen on the Continent, but hoped they would have been able to make their Payments according to their Contracts;—that the total Stagnation of Trade, and of Consequence no Monies circulating, especially in such an infant County, at present prevents their being able to comply with the Terms upon which they have received Money out of the Loan-Office;——that the Time, at which the first Payment ought to have been made, as well as the Time of Indulgence allowed by the Trustees since the Day of Payment, are expired;——that, if Sale should be made of the Estates of such of the Petitioners as have received Money, in the present Situation of Affairs, they would not bring One-sixth Part of their real Value;—that, in case a Sale should be ordered of such Estates as are so mortgaged, a Taxation of the County will ensue, which must unavoidably, amidst the Variety of other Taxes, involve the whole County in Ruin;—that the Petitioners are willing to do every Act in their Power, by their Industry, to pay off and discharge, on their Parts, what is required of them, and pray the Honourable House will grant them such Indulgence and Relief as the Particularity of their Case may appear to deserve.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Representation from *John Scacord*, in Behalf of himself and other Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania*, at or near *Wyoming*, —A Memorial from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, respecting the *Wyoming* Disputes, and sundry other Papers relative to that Subject, were presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of their Vote of Yesterday, for levying and taking into Pay Fifteen Hundred Men for the Defence of this Province, and having spent some Time therein,

Resolved, That One Thousand of the said Levies be Rifle-Men, and divided into two Battalions of Five Hundred Men each.

Resolved, That the remaining Five Hundred of the said Levies be a Battalion of Musket-Men.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the Officers requisite for the three Battalions to be raised in this Province, and

Resolved, That the two Rifle-Battalions have one Colonel, and that each Battalion consist of six Companies, to be officered with one Lieutenant-Colonel,—one Major,—six Captains,—eighteen Lieutenants,—Twenty-four Sergeants,—six Fifes,—six Drums,—one Adjutant,—two Surgeons and one Quarter-Master:—Seventy-two Rank and File.

Resolved, That the Battalion of Musket-Men consist of eight Companies, to be officered with one Colonel,—one Lieutenant-Colonel,—one Major,—eight Captains,—eight Lieutenants,—eight Ensigns,—sixteen Sergeants,—sixteen Corporals,—eight Fifes,—eight Drums,—one Adjutant,—two Surgeons and one Quarter-Master:—Fifty-two Privates.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 7, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from the Committee of Correspondence of the County of *Bedford* was presented to the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* General Assembly *met.*

WE think it our Duty, as Members of the Committee of Correspondence of the County of *Bedford*, humbly to represent to the Honourable House the peculiar Situation of that County; by Reason of which we flatter ourselves, that the unusual Request, which we, in Behalf of the Associators within the same, are now going to make, will not appear altogether unreasonable.

Our County is new, and on the Frontiers,—its Inhabitants few, and scattered amongst the Mountains; by Reason of which they are under much greater Inconveniencies and Difficulties in associating and mustering than those of the more interior Parts of the Country, having frequently twenty or thirty Miles to ride for that Purpose: This must necessarily take up much of their Time, which, on Account of their being

mostly new Settlers, is a peculiar Loss and Hardship on them, as it is almost their only Treasure: Yet, notwithstanding these Circumstances, we can, with great Truth and Pleasure, assure the Honourable House, that they are not only as unanimous in their patriotic Principles, but as constant at their Exercise, as any in the Province who have none of their Disadvantages to encounter;—besides, several of the Officers and Companies have been at a pecuniary Expence in paying Fugal-Men, Drummers, Fifers, and for Drums, &c. which they could ill afford; and others of them, for this Reason, have not yet been able to procure these Articles, nor to be taught the Exercise so compleatly as they could wish.—By Reason of our remote and scattered Situation, it is often impossible for us to receive the necessary Information in Time to enable us to regulate ourselves, according to the Modes recommended to the Counties, to transact their Business in; to this Cause it is owing, that we could not comply with the Advertisement, published some Time ago, respecting these Articles.— It will perhaps be said, let them, such as have not already done it, buy and supply themselves with such Articles, in the same Manner the other Counties have done, and then let them deliver in their Accounts of the Expences incurred, and they will be paid in the same regular Manner;—however trifling such Expence may appear, yet we are well convinced, that it is out of the Power of many of them to *advance* MONEY sufficient for such Purpose:—By this Confession, our County will perhaps appear too insignificant to merit any Attention or Encouragement:—To those altogether unacquainted with the Situation of a Frontier and new Settlement, this would appear to be the Case;—but when it is remembered, that, upon a late Demand, we, in a few Days, raised and sent off a Company of Rifle-Men;—that the greatest Number of our Inhabitants are inured to Hardship, and that many of them were in the Service, in the late War, particularly against the *Indians*;—these Circumstances will, we believe, entitle us to some Regard.—We therefore beg Leave to submit to the Honourable House, whether it would not be expedient to empower the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Associators within the Province, to draw on their Treasurer, in Favour of your Petitioners, or of such other Persons, in the County, as may be thought most proper, such a Sum of Money as will answer, in some Measure, these necessary Purposes;—the Persons, to whom it is delivered, to be answerable for it;—the Accounts sent down properly authenticated, in a limited Time, and subject to the same Controul the other Associators

Accounts have been; and if it appear that the Persons, who shall receive the Money, have paid it where they ought not,—they to be answerable in the first Instance: We should not think it necessary, that much more than Half the Sum paid to an equal Number of Companies, in any other Part of the Province, should be advanced, as we think that will answer every *valuable* Purpose.—We hope our Request will appear the more equitable, when (added to the Reasons arising from our Situation) it is considered, that, at a future Day, we will have to pay our proportional Part of the very large Sums paid to most of the other Associators in the Province,—and indeed our People will urge this Point so strongly to us, that it will be impossible to keep up that Spirit of Unanimity, and that Readiness to lend their little Aid, in Time of Need, in Conjunction with their more powerful Com-patriots, but they will become languid and indifferent, if they see that no Regard is paid to their Situation,—when they *feel* that those Advantages are denied to them, which it is out of their Power to obtain by the same Method which those did, who were not under their local and other Disadvantages.—We had twenty Companies returned to us, which are to be formed into two Battalions;—the Reason this was not sooner done was, that we delayed it till we should receive the Articles of Association for them to sign, which they are now doing.

As we have no other View, in this Representation, than a faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in us, we pray the Honourable House will not construe the only Means, we could think of, to answer the End, into an Offence; we shall be ready, to the utmost of our Power, to do our Parts in carrying into Execution any other Method that may be proposed, if the Prayer of our Petition shall be thought improper; which the Honourable House will be pleased to take into their Consideration, and their Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will pray &c.

GEORGE WOODS, *Chairman.*
THOMAS SMITH.

Sundry Petitions and Recommendations from the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Northumberland*, having been presented at the Table in Behalf of *John Morrow*, *William Hay*, *James Crouch*, *William Mackey*, *Hawkins Boon*, *William Caldwell* and *Robert King*, as Persons suitable for Officers in the Rifle-Battalions to be raised for the Service of this Province; the House took the same into Consideration, and after some Time spent therein,

Resolved, That *John Morrow*, of *Lancaster* County, be, and he is hereby appointed, a Captain in one of the Rifle-Battalions to be formed for the above Service.

Resolved, That the Settlement of Rank, in the Battalions to be raised for the Service of this Colony, be referred to future Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration and Appointment of Officers for the new Levies.

Resolved, That *James Marshall*, of the County of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed, a Captain in one of the said Rifle-Battalions.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 8, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition, signed by a great Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying a more adequate Representation in Assembly.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Order of last *Tuesday* being read,

The House took into Consideration the Petitions before them from the City of *Philadelphia*, and several of the back Counties, for an Increase of Members to represent them, in the Assembly of this Province, and after a Debate of considerable Length, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Subject before them in the Morning, and after further Debate thereon,

Resolved, upon the Question,

That four additional Representatives in Assembly be allowed to the City of *Philadelphia*,—two additional Representatives to each of the Counties of *Lancaster*, *York*, *Cumberland*, *Berks* and *Northampton*,—and one additional Representative to each of the Counties of *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for allowing to the City of *Philadelphia*, and certain Counties of this Province, such additional Members in Assembly as are mentioned in the foregoing Resolve.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 9, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resuming the Consideration of Officers for the new Levies,

Resolved, That *William Rankin*, of *York* County,—*William Peoples* of *Cumberland* County,—*Henry Chreist*, jun. of *Berks* County,—*Henry Shade* of *Northampton* County,—*Richard Brown* of *Bedford* County,—*Caspar Weitzell* of *Northumberland* County, and *Joseph Irwin* of *Westmoreland* County, be, and they are hereby appointed, Captains in the Rifle-Battalions to be formed for the Service of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Grubb* and Mr. *Montgomery*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Instructions for recruiting Officers.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

March 11, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they are much injured by the Use of Seins at and near the Mouth of the River *Schuylkill*, and praying Relief in the Premises. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the several insolvent Petitions were referred for Enquiry, reported, "that several of the Creditors of *Alexander Stewart* appeared before the Committee, and signified their Consent to an Act for his Discharge, upon his making over his Estate and his Allowance, reserving a Competency to himself out of the latter;——that no Person objected to *William Judd*, *John Onions*, or *William Sanders*, being admitted to the Benefit of the Act prayed for in their Petitions;—that several of the Creditors of *Patrick Wright* and *Robert Colvin* appeared, and, upon Conference between them and the Petitioners, agreed among themselves, so that the Committee apprehend the Interposition of the House unnecessary."

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to increase the Number of Representatives in Assembly for the City of *Philadelphia*, and the Counties of *Lancaster*, *York*, *Cumberland*, *Berks*, *Northampton*, *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Committee of Correspondence for the County of *Bedford* was again read, and after some Debate,

Resolved, That the Committee for settling the Battalion-Accounts draw an Order on *Michael Hillegas*, Esquire, for the

Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, payable to *Barnard Dougherty*, Esq; to be applied to the Purchase of Drums and Colours for the Use of the Association in the said County of *Bedford*, and to be accounted for, with said Committee, by the Field-Officers of the said Association.

It being represented to the House, by the Speaker, that some Doubts have been entertained by the Commissioners and Township- and Ward-Assessors of the several Counties, whether they are to proceed to the Execution of the Duties enjoined by the Resolves of Assembly of the Twenty-fifth of *November* last, respecting their making out Lists and levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province,

Resolved, That the Commissioners and Assessors, within this Province, proceed, with all Diligence and Fidelity, in the Execution of the respective Duties required of them by the above-mentioned Resolves, without waiting for any further Notice.

A Petition from the Privates of the First Battalion of Militia, in the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The PETITION of the PRIVATES of the First BATTALION of MILITIA, in *Cumberland* County,

Most humbly sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners, desirous of exerting themselves in Defence of *American* Liberty, against the Tyranny of a cruel and desolating Enemy, beg Leave to lay before the Honourable House some Amendments, which they wish to have made in the Articles of Association, framed at your last Sitting, in order that they may sign them with that Freedom which every true Patriot and Friend to *American* Liberty ought to feel himself possessed of; without which Amendments, the Liberties of the Privates of the Association appear to be in a great Measure taken away.

First. The Time of keeping the Associators out on actual Service is no where limited, either in the Rules or Articles of Association, which your Petitioners apprehend puts them in a worse Situation than the inlisted Troops: We submit it to the Wisdom of the Honourable House, whether two or three Months are not sufficient to keep out any Party of Associators at one Time, until relieved by others at the Call of the Assembly or Committee of Safety.

Secondly. The Articles, as they now stand, establish all the Officers of the Association during Life, or until otherwise removed by Resignation, Promotion, or broken by the Sentence of a General Court of Associators: We would pray the Honourable House to re-consider this Matter, and see if it is not more agreeable to the Rights of Freemen and the Constitution of this Province, that all Military Officers, not exceeding the Rank of a Colonel of a Battalion, should be voted in by Ballot annually, in the same Manner as Members of Assembly, Sheriffs and other Civil Officers; the Field-Officers, Standard-Bearer and Adjutant, by the Battalion at large, and the Officers of a Troop or Company, by the Troop or Company. Your Petitioners are of Opinion, that Officers voted in in this Manner, would, by no Means, be liable to Disgrace upon the Promotion of others in their Room, as their going out of Office might not be for any bad Conduct alledged against them, but in order to serve others equally worthy of Notice;—for annual Election is so essentially necessary to the Liberty of Freemen, that your Petitioners hope the Honourable House will be careful not to deprive their Constituents of it.

Thirdly. Your Petitioners humbly conceive, that the Regimental and General Courts of Associators should consist of an equal Number of Officers and Court-Associators, one of the said Officers to be President, as we can see no Reason why there should be a superior Number of Officers in said Courts; because Officers and Privates of the Association, being engaged in the same Cause, ought to have the same Mode of Trial, be the Offence what it will.

Fourthly. The Thirty-first Article of Association enjoins the Associators to be subject to all the Rules and Articles already made by the Honourable Continental Congress, for the Government of the Continental Troops, when called by the Assembly, or the Committee of Safety in Recess of Assembly, into actual Service: Your Petitioners pray, that the Honourable House would please to amend said Article, by allowing the Associators to be tried for all Offences and Crimes, of which they may be guilty, as mentioned in the said Rules and Articles, when on actual Service, in the same Way as is proposed above, *viz.* By an equal Number of their own Officers and the Court-Associators; and, where the Punishment directed by said Rules and Articles, is to be Whipping, and the Crime not made Felony by the Civil Law, that the Delinquent shall have it in his Power to evade such Whipping by paying a certain Fine, such as the Wisdom of the Honourable House shall point out, and in such Time as shall be thought proper

after Conviction. This Indulgence your Petitioners apprehend will not be attended with any bad Consequences to the Army, as the Associators are on a different Footing from the Continental Troops, and may, through Inadvertency or Ignorance, be guilty of an Offence that would subject them to a Punishment, which would be a lasting Stain to them and their Family, more especially if they have been of any Repute at home.

Lastly. Your Petitioners pray the Honourable House to consider the Inequality of Fines respecting Non-Associators; the Grievances whereof are so great and many, that it would be giving you too much Trouble to enumerate them, as we are well assured they are fully laid before the Honourable House in a Petition from the Committee of Privates of the City and Suburb of *Philadelphia*, and perhaps by other Committees.

Your Petitioners most humbly pray the Honourable House to take these Matters into their most serious Consideration, and grant the Amendments herein proposed, or such Redress of the Grieveances we complain of, as to their Wisdom shall appear right.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will pray.

Signed, in Behalf of the Twelve Companies of the First Battalion of Militia in Cumberland *County, by Order of Delegates from each of the said Companies.*

JONATHAN HODGE,
WILLIAM LYON,
HENRY MAKINLY,
JOHN CREIGH,
WILLIAM BROWN,
HUGH M'CORMICK,
ROBERT WHITEHILL,
} *Committee of Correspondence.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Instructions, for recruiting Officers, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 12, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter dated the sixth Instant, from the Committee of *Berks* County, respecting the Arms directed to be provided for the Use of the said County, and some other public Matters, which was read, and

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Privates of the First Battalion of Militia, in the County of *Cumberland*, was again read, and referred to the Committee appointed to revive the Rules and Regulations, formed by the House for the better Government of the Military Association.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Draught of Instructions for recruiting Officers, which being read by Paragraphs, and agreed to by the House, was transcribed, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

INSTRUCTIONS for recruiting RIFLE-MEN, in the Service of *Pennsylvania.*

1st. YOU are to inlist no Man who is not able-bodied, healthy and active, nor any, whose Attachment to the Rights and Liberties of this Province, and of *America* in general, you have any Cause to suspect.

2dly. You are to have great Regard to Sobriety, and moral Character in general.

3dly. You are to take the utmost Care, as you value your Office and the Esteem of your Country, that you inlist no Man who is not provided with a good Rifle-Gun, perfectly fit for Service, and very expert in the Use of it.

4thly. You are not to inlist any indented Servant, nor, without the Leave of his Master or Mistress, any Apprentice.

5thly. You will take Notice, that the Colonel of the Battalion, or some Person to be appointed by him, is to inspect your Men, and to reject such as do not answer to your Instructions.

6thly. Every Man is to be inlisted by his taking and subscribing, before some Justice of the Peace, an Oath or Affirmation in the following Words, *to wit:* "I A. B. voluntarily inlisted a Soldier, until the First Day of *January*, 1778, unless sooner discharged, in the Troops ordered to be raised by the Assembly of *Pennsylvania*, and subjecting myself to such Rules and Articles, as are or shall be made, or directed by the said Assembly, for regulating and governing the said Troops, do solemnly that, in this Service, I will truly and faithfully obey the present and any Assembly of this Colony, and, in their Recess, any Committee of Safety by them appointed for the Time being, and, in Pursuance of their Direction and Command, such Officers as shall be placed in Authority over me; that I will, to the utmost of my Power, defend the Rights and Liberties of this Province, and of *America*

in general, and will oppose and resist any Force or Enemies that shall act, or be employed, against them."

So help me

7thly. You are to use all Diligence in compleating your Company, and report to your Colonel.

8thly. You shall be allowed *Ten Shillings*, per Week, for the Subsistance of every Recruit, till they arrive at their Stations; and *Ten Shillings* for every Man you inlist, who shall be approved on Inspection, besides such Subsistance-Money and your Pay.

9thly. You are to furnish each of the Subalterns of your Company with a Copy of these Instructions, who are to exert themselves in recruiting.

10thly. That each Soldier when inlisted, and having taken the foregoing Qualification, shall receive a Month's Pay Advance.

11thly. That the Men be inlisted to serve till the First Day of *January*, 1778, to find themselves Arms and Cloathing, and to be subject to be discharged, at any Time, upon the Advance of a Month's Pay to each Man, over and above the Sum that may be due to him.

Signed by Order of the House,

JOHN MORTON, Speaker."

To *Esq*;

Captain of the *Company of Rifle-Men,*

in the Province of Pennsylvania.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners last Year mortgaged their Lands, in the General Loan-Office of this Province, with a Prospect of repaying the Money they borrowed, agreeable to the Terms stipulated; but, that the distressing Situation of public Affairs, which prevents selling the Produce of their Plantations, their Stock or other Property, whereby they expected to raise Money, has put it out of their Power to comply with their Contracts, within the Times limited by Law;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the House will suspend the Execution of the Law, till a Revival of Trade shall enable them to dispose of their Effects, when they will most chearfully, without any Compulsion, perform their respective Agreements.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of *Rye* Township, in *Cumberland* County, was presented to the House and read, praying an Act of Assembly may be passed for establishing

a Saw- and Grist-Mill, lately built by *Marcus Hulings*, near the Mouth of *Shearman's* Creek, and to enable the said *Hulings* to erect a Dam across the said Creek, which will be no Obstruction to the Navigation thereof.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants in and near the Townships of *Whitehall* and *Salisbury*, in the County of *Northampton*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners conceive the Articles for regulating the Associators in this Province, are very unequal, as those, who do not join with them, are put to no Expence in providing themselves with Arms and Accoutrements, and have only the trifling Sum of *Fifty Shillings* to pay yearly; that, for this Reason, many of the Inhabitants still neglect to sign the Articles of Association, by which Means the public Cause suffers:— That the Petitioners therefore humbly pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and make such further Rules and Regulations as shall render the public Defence less burthensome to Individuals.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Shearman's* Valley was presented to the House and read, praying that *Marcus Hulings* may not be permitted to erect a Dam across *Shearman's* Creek. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Appointment of Officers for the new Levies, in the Rifle-Service, and

Resolved, That *Andrew Long* of *Bucks* County, *Peter Grubb*, junior, of *Lancaster* County, and *Lewis Farmer* of the City of *Philadelphia*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, Captains in the said Service.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 13, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to increase the Number of Representatives in Assembly for the City of* Philadelphia, *and in the several Counties therein named*," the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the Blank, in the first Clause of the said Bill, shall be filled with the Words [the Twenty-fifth Day of *April* next]?

Carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hillegas,*	Mr. *Ross,*	Mr. *Gray,*
Mr. *Potts,*	Mr. *Ewing,*	Mr. *Roberts,*
Mr. *Miles,*	Mr. *Swoope,*	Mr. *Foulke,*
Mr. *Parker,*	Mr. *Montgomery,*	Mr. *Chapman,*
Mr. *Morris,*	Mr. *Chreist,*	Mr. *Twining,*
Mr. *Rittenhouse,*	Mr. *Kachlein,*	Mr. *Brown,*
Mr. *Rodman,*	Mr. *Taylor,*	Mr. *Jenks,*
Mr. *Wynkoop,*	Mr. *Dougherty,*	Mr. *Pearson,*
Mr. *Bartholomew,*	Mr. *Hunter,*	Mr. *Jacobs,*
Mr. *Grubb,*	Mr. *Thompson.*	Mr. *Humphreys,*
Mr. *Slough,*		Mr. *Webb.*

The said Bill having been read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether it shall be transcribed for a third Reading?

Carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hillegas,*	Mr. *Slough,*	Mr. *Roberts,*
Mr. *Gray,*	Mr. *Ross,*	Mr. *Foulke,*
Mr. *Potts,*	Mr. *Ewing,*	Mr. *Chapman,*
Mr. *Miles,*	Mr. *Swoope,*	Mr. *Twining,*
Mr. *Parker,*	Mr. *Montgomery,*	Mr. *Brown,*
Mr. *Morris,*	Mr. *Chreist,*	Mr. *Jenks,*
Mr. *Rittenhouse,*	Mr. *Kachlein,*	Mr. *Pearson,*
Mr. *Rodman,*	Mr. *Taylor,*	Mr. *Webb.*
Mr. *Wynkoop,*	Mr. *Dougherty*	
Mr. *Bartholomew,*	Mr. *Hunter,*	
Mr. *Jacobs,*	Mr. *Thompson.*	
Mr. *Grubb,*		

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Committee of Safety, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

In COMMITTEE *of* SAFETY.

SIR, *Philadelphia, 13th March,* 1776.

A Company of Soldiers being on their March to the Southward, General *Lee*, under whose Orders they are, has applied to this Board to settle the Rates they are to pay for their Accommodation on the Road; the Board dismissed the Application, as not being competent to the Business; but as such Cases will frequently happen in the Course of the War, and the unsettled Prices be a fruitful Source of Contention between Landlords and Soldiers, they submit to your Honourable House,

whether it is not an Object worthy of their Attention to determine what Rates are reasonable to be paid by all the *American* Troops on their March through this Province. I am, SIR,

Your very humble Servant,
By Order of the Committee,
JOHN NIXON, *Chairman.*"

To JOHN MORTON, *Esquire.*

A Petition from *James Patton*, and *John Allen*, of the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners were indicted for erecting a Dam in *Shearman's* Creek, contrary to a Law of this Province, by which the said Creek is declared a public Stream and Highway;—that being found guilty, at the last Court of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace held at *Carlisle*, they were fined *Fifty Pounds* each, ordered to pay the Costs of Prosecution, and to stand committed till the same be complied with;—that in Consequence of this Judgment, they were immediately committed, and are still confined in Gaol;—that since their Confinement, their Creditors have seized all their Effects, which has reduced their Families to great Distress, and they are informed the Sheriff is required to break down their Dam, as soon as the Weather will allow, which must totally deprive them of the Means of Support; that the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House to take their unhappy Case into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as they may think proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House proceeded to the Nomination of Field-Officers for the three Battalions to be raised for the Service of this Province, and

Resolved, That *Samuel Miles*, Esq; of the County of *Philadelphia*, be, and he is hereby appointed, Colonel of the two Rifle-Battalions; and *John Cadwalader*, Esq; of the City of *Philadelphia*, Colonel of the Battalion of Musket-Men to be raised for the Service aforesaid.

Resolved, That *Daniel Brodhead*, Esq; of *Berks* County—*James Piper*, Esq; of *Bedford* County, and *Caleb Parrey*, Esq; of *Philadelphia* County, be, and they are hereby appointed, Lieutenant-Colonels of the said three Battalions.

Resolved, That *Enion Williams*, *John Patton*, and *James Potts*, Esquires, of the County of *Philadelphia*, be, and they are hereby appointed, Majors of the said three Battalions.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 14, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to increase the Number of Representatives in Assembly, for the City of* Philadelphia, *and in the several Counties therein named,*" being transcribed according to Order, and read the third time, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the said Bill shall pass the House and be sent to the Governor?

Carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Gray,*	Mr. *Ross,*	Mr. *Roberts,*
Mr. *Potts,*	Mr. *Ewing,*	Mr. *Foulke,*
Mr. *Miles,*	Mr. *Swoope,*	Mr. *Chapman,*
Mr. *Parker,*	Mr. *Montgomery,*	Mr. *Twining,*
Mr. *Rittenhouse,*	Mr. *Chreist,*	Mr. *Brown,*
Mr. *Rodman,*	Mr. *Kachlein,*	Mr. *Jenks,*
Mr. *Wynkoop,*	Mr. *Taylor,*	Mr. *Pearson,*
Mr. *Bartholomew,*	Mr. *Dougherty,*	Mr. *Humphreys,*
Mr. *Jacobs,*	Mr. *Hunter,*	Mr. *Webb.*
Mr. *Grubb,*	Mr. *Thompson.*	
Mr. *Slough,*		

Ordered, That Mr. *Rittenhouse* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor with the said Bill for his Assent to the same.

The House taking into Consideration their Resolution of the Seventh Instant, respecting the Settlement of Rank in the Battalions raising for the Service of this Province,

Resolved, That *Samuel Miles,* Esq; take Rank as first Colonel of the *Pennsylvania* Forces; and that the two Battalions of Rifle-Men be formed into one Regiment, to be commanded by the said Colonel.

Resolved, That *John Cadwalader,* Esq; take Rank as second Colonel of the said Forces, and that the Battalion of Musket-Men be commanded by the said Colonel.

Resolved, That *James Piper,* Esq; take Rank as Lieutenant-Colonel of the first Battalion—and *Daniel Brodhead,* Esq; as Lieutenant-Colonel of the second Battalion in the Regiment of Rifle-Men.

Resolved, That *Caleb Parrey,* Esq; take Rank as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Battalion of Musket-Men.

Resolved, That *Enion Williams,* Esq; take Rank as Major of the first Battalion, and *John Patton,* Esq; as Major of the second Battalion in the Regiment of Rifle-Men.

Resolved, That *James Potts,* Esq; take Rank as Major of the Battalion of Musket-Men.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

A Number of printed Copies of the Instructions to the recruiting Officers being produced at the Table, the same were signed by the Speaker, by Order of the House, and delivered to Colonel *Miles*.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That an Order for the Sum of *Three Thousand Pounds* be drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; payable to Colonel *Samuel Miles*, to be immediately applied to the Recruiting-Service;—and an Order being drawn at the Table accordingly, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Colonel *Miles*.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land, situate in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which was referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 15, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Resolution of the Honourable Continental Congress, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

In CONGRESS, *March* 14, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several Assemblies, Conventions and Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies, immediately to cause all Persons to be disarmed within their respective Colonies, who are notoriously disaffected to the Cause of *America*, or who have not associated, and refuse to associate to defend by Arms these United Colonies against the hostile Attempts of the *British* Fleets and Armies; and to apply the Arms taken from such Persons in each respective Colony, in the first Place, to the arming the Continental Troops raised in said Colony; in the next, to the arming such Troops as are raised by the Colony for its own Defence, and the Residue to be applied to the arming the Associators: That the Arms, when taken, be appraised by indifferent Persons, and such as are applied to the arming Continental Troops be paid for by Congress, and the Residue

by the respective Assemblies, Conventions or Councils, or Committees of Safety.

Extract from the Minutes,
CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary.*"

The House proceeded to the Nomination of Officers for the Battalion of Musket-Men to be raised for the Defence of this Province, and

Resolved, That *Thomas Herbert*, *Joseph Howell*, jun. *Abraham Dehuff*, *Francis Murray*, *Abraham Marshall*, *John Nice*, *Patrick Anderson* and *Peter Zachary Lloyd*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, Captains of the said Battalion.

It being represented to the House, that the Continental Troops, at the Barracks of this City, are in Want of some Necessaries usual in Quarters.

Resolved, That the Committee of Safety make Enquiry into the Circumstances of the said Troops, and give Orders to the Barrack-Master to allow them the Use of such Bedding and other Conveniences, at the Barracks, as have been provided for the Troops of this Province.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from the Committee of Privates of the Military Association, for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN, *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *PETITION* of the COMMITTEE of PRIVATES of the MILITARY ASSOCIATION, for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners observing that this Honourable House had, in the Introduction to the Articles of Association, expressed an Intention of altering such Articles, Rules and Resolutions, respecting the Military Association, as should be found inconvenient, and being desirous of obtaining such Alterations as would give general Satisfaction throughout the Province, and to save this Honourable House the Trouble of repeated Applications for Amendments, opened a Correspondence with the Country Battalions, to know what Objections they had to the Resolutions of this Honourable House, designing, if possible, to express the Sense of the whole Province in their Petition; but, as these Objections did not come to Hand in Time, your

Petitioners request this Honourable House to take the Amendments proposed, in the inclosed Papers, into their serious Consideration, and grant Redress in such Manner as shall appear most consonant to their Wisdom and Justice. They particularly recommend the Article to your Honours, respecting the Provision which ought to be made for the Support of the Families of such Associators during their Absence on actual Service, whose Maintenance depends on their Labour, as no Man, who is able, by his Industry, to support his Wife and Children, could ever consent to have them treated, by the Overseers of the Poor, as the Law directs. We therefore pray, that such a Fund be fixed, for their Supply, as may be more worthy of Men who are risking their All in Defence of their Country.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will pray, &c.

Signed by Order of the Committee of Privates,

WILLIAM ADCOCK, *Chairman.*

The Papers referred to in the above Petition, containing divers Amendments proposed by the Committees of Privates of the *Elk* or Fourth Battalion, in *Chester* County, and Col. *Galbreath's* Battalion, in *Lancaster* County, to the *Rules and Regulations* drawn up by the House at their last Sitting, were read by Order, and referred to the Committee of the House appointed to consider and report on sundry other Papers of the same Kind.

An Account from Major *Lewis Nicola*, Barrack-Master, was produced at the Table, amounting to £ 10 12 2, for Disbursements at the Barracks, and the same being allowed by the House, an Order was drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for the said Sum in Payment thereof.

The House took into Consideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land, situate in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read and considered, were agreed to by the House, and the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to increase the Number of Representatives in Assembly for the City of* Philadelphia, *and in the several Counties therein named,*" and acquainted the House he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Two Accounts, from *Jeremiah Trexler* and *Adam Yohe*, were laid before the House, amounting to £ 28 5 9, for Expences in entertaining and conducting a Number of *Indians* from *Easton*

to *Philadelphia*, which being examed (sic) were allowed, and an Order drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for Payment.

The House then taking into Consideration the Appointment of Subalterns, for the Rifle-Regiment,

Resolved, That *Thomas Paxton*, *Thomas Bartholomew Bowen*, *John Stoner*, *John Clerk*, *Jacob Levan*, *John Davis*, *John Thompson*, *William Gray*, *John Young*, *John Spear*, *Matthew Scott*, and *Edward Thompson*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, First Lieutenants in the said Regiment of Rifle-Men.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Colonel *John Cadwalader*, which was read, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

SIR,

I AM informed, that the Honourable House of Assembly have thought proper to appoint me a Colonel, (Second in Command) in the Provincial Service. I am very sensible of the Honour conferred on me; but as the House have not granted my Request, (which was the Command of the First Battalion) I beg you will be pleased to inform the House, that I decline accepting the Appointment.

I am, SIR, with great Respect,
Your most obedient, very humble Servant, &c.

Philadelphia, March 15, 1776. JOHN CADWALADER.

To the Honourable JOHN MORTON, *Esq*;
Speaker of the Honourable House of Assembly of Pennsylvania.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 16, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeding in the Appointment of Subalterns for the Regiment of Rifle-Men,

Resolved, That *Jacob Maise*, *Thomas Gourley*, *Jost Treisbach*, *Robert M'Pherson*, *John Perrin*, *John Carpenter*, *John Robb*, *James Hamilton*, *John Shannon*, *Joseph Finley*, *John Burns* and *James Carnagan*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, Second Lieutenants in the said Regiment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House an Extract of a Letter from *Zebulon Butler*; Esq; of *Westmoreland*, dated the 28th of *February* last, with the Depositions of *Jeremiah Bickford* and *John Shewfert*, relative to the late Disturbances at *Wyoming*, which were read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Applications from Lieutenant-Colonel *Brodhead* and Major *Coats*, for the Command of the Battalion of Musket-Men, now

vacant by the Resignation of Colonel *Cadwalader*, were presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

March 18, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 19, 1776.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration certain Resolutions of Congress sent down to the House, reported a Draught of sundry Resolves for carrying into Execution the several interesting Matters recommended by Congress, which Draught was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House proceeded in the Nomination of Subalterns for the Rifle-Regiment, and

Resolved, That *Jacob Stake*, *Stephen Hanna*, *William Barnit*, *John Dungan*, *Abraham Smith*, *Thomas Boyd*, *Joseph Jacquet*, *Charles Taylor*, *Daniel Topham*, *Robert Campbell*, *David Sloan*, and *George Grant*, Gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed, Third Lieutenants in the said Regiment.

It being presented to the House, that *Thomas Paxton*, of *Bedford* County, is an improper Person for a Lieutenancy in the Rifle-Service, to which he was appointed on the 15th Instant,

Resolved, That *James Francis Moore*, of the said County, be, and he is hereby appointed, a First Lieutenant in the said Regiment, in the room of *Thomas Paxton* aforesaid.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That an Order, for the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, be drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; payable to Lieutenant-Colonel *Parrey*, to be applied to the Service of recruiting Men for the Musket-Battalion; and, an Order being drawn accordingly at the Table, the same was signed by the Speaker and delivered to Colonel *Parrey*.

The House being informed, that *William Rankin*, Esq; of *York* County, appointed a Captain in the Rifle-Service, has resigned his Commission,

Resolved, That *Philip Albright*, Esq; of the said County, be, and he is hereby appointed, a Captain in the said Service, in place of *William Rankin* aforesaid.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 20, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and receiving Information, that *John Shannon*, of *Bucks* County, appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Rifle-Service, is an improper Person to be continued therein,

Resolved, That the Commission of the said *Shannon* be vacated, and some other Person appointed in his room.

The House resumed the Consideration of Subalterns for the Battalion of Musket-Men, and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the high Security required by our Laws has been found a great Discouragement to the setting Negroes at Liberty in this Province, and praying such Alteration of the Laws as shall render a Practice so humane and commendable less difficult in future. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Thomas Hutchinson*, an insolvent Debtor in the Goal of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

Referred to the Committee of Grievances.

The House proceeding in the Nomination of Subalterns for the Battalion of Musket-Men,

Resolved, That *Morton Garrett*, *John Davis*, *Joseph M'Clellan*, *Barnard Ward*, *Walter Finney*, *Peter Shoffner*, *Matthias Weidman* and *Robert Caldwell*, Gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed, Lieutenants in the said Battalion.

Resolved, That *James Lang*, *Hezekiah Davis*, *Michael App*, *Henry Valentine*, *Alexander Huston*, junior, *John Hough*, *William Henderson* and *John Kirk*, Gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed, Ensigns in the said Battalion of Musket-Men.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 21, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Memorial and Petition from *John Secord*, in Behalf of himself and a Number of other Settlers, on the East Branch of *Susquehanna*, above *Wyoming*, with the Affidavit of *John Salmon*, were presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Chester*, respecting the opening a Road from Middle Ferry on

Schuylkill, to the Village of *Strasburg*, with two Affidavits, were presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Hilltown* Township, in the County of *Bucks*, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Accounts of Captain *Shaw*, of the said Township, may be re-examined.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That the Committee for settling the Battalion-Accounts, do, and they are hereby required and impowered to, call before them all such Persons as have been complained against by Petitions to this House, or having exhibited to, and settled with, the said Committee, unjust and exorbitant Accounts of Military Expences,—and that the said Committee do examine strictly upon Oath or Affirmation, where they judge it necessary, in order to discover and correct such Errors as may have been committed.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Reed* and Mr. *Ross*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, for the Release of such insolvent Debtors, in the different Gaols of this Province, as have petitioned this House for Relief in respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

The House taking into Consideration the Refusal of *John Cadwalader*, Esquire, to serve as Colonel of the Battalion of Musket-Men.

Resolved, That *Samuel Atlee*, Esq; of the County of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed, Colonel of the said Battalion.

Resolved, That *George Wert*, of *Philadelphia*, Gentlemen, be, and he is hereby appointed, a Second Lieutenant in the Rifle-Service, in the place of *John Shannon* of the County of *Bucks*.

Resolved, That *John Maxwell Nesbit*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed, Pay-Master of the *Pennsylvania* Forces, Naval and Military.

Resolved, That a Dollar, *per Diem*, be allowed to the said Pay-Master, for his Services in both Departments, and that he give Security to the Speaker of this House, for the Time being, in the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds*, for the faithful Discharge of his Trust.

Resolved, That *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer, pay such Orders as shall be drawn by the Committee of Safety, in

Favour of the said Pay-Master, from Time to Time, for the Purpose of paying the said Forces.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Rittenhouse*, be a Committee to contract with Persons willing to undertake supplying the Troops to be raised, for the Service of this Province, with Provisions.

Resolved, That *Ludowick Sprogle*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed, Muster-Master of the Forces of this Province, and that he be allowed, for his Services, *Eighteen Dollars* per Month.

Resolved, That the said Muster-Master be enjoined to muster the said Forces at least once a Month, and make a just Return thereof to the Pay-Master, three Days before they are to be paid, and also return a Copy of his Muster-Roll monthly to the Committee of Safety, or to the Assembly of this Province, when sitting.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 22, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Expediency of appointing Surgeons, and a Chaplain, for the three *Pennsylvania* Battalions,

Resolved, That *John Davis* and *William Curry*, of *Chester* County, and *Jacob Reiger*, of *Lancaster* County, Gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed, Surgeons of the said Battalions.

Resolved, That the Rev. *William Rogers* be, and he is hereby appointed, Chaplain of the said Forces.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That *Francis Mentges* be, and he is hereby appointed, an Adjutant in the said Forces.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to make perpetual an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled*, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*;" and, after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to perpetuate an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty* GEORGE *the Third, entituled*, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*;" which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to consider and report to the House the best Mode of encouraging the Raising of Flax, in

this Province, presented a written Report thereon at the Table, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 23, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Memorial from the Committee of Inspection and Observation, for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Miles* and Mr. *Grubb* wait on the Governor, and request to know at what Hour To-day the House shall attend him to enact into Laws the Bills that have been returned with his Assent.

The Bill entituled, "*An Act to continue Part of an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled, "An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and "*for making further Provisions for the better executing the said Act,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered their Message according to Order, and and that his Honour was pleased to say he would acquaint the House by the Secretary at what Hour he could meet them to pass the Bills that have been agreed on.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Rittenhouse* join with the Secretary in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals, and after they are passed into Laws, see the Great Seal affixed to them, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

A Message by the SECRETARY.

"SIR,

The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the Speaker and the House to enact into Laws the Bills that have been returned with his Assent."

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that they had waited on his Honour, and presented three Bills, entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act to enable the Keepers of Records, in the Counties of* Philadelphia *and* Chester, *to remove them to more safe and convenient Places;*"—"*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of*

Land situate in Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;*" and, "*An Act to increase the Number of Representatives in Assembly for the City of* Philadelphia, *and in the several Counties therein named;*" to which Bills the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.

Ordered, That the above-mentioned Law, for increasing the Number of Representatives in Assembly, be immediately published.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Rittenhouse*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to settle the Rank of the Captains and Subalterns in the several Battalions of the *Pennsylvania* Forces.

The House being certified that *Hezekiah Davis*, lately appointed an Ensign in the Musket-Battalion of the said Forces, was previously engaged in the Continental Service, and has not been discharged,

Resolved, That the Appointment of the said Davis, in the Corps aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby declared, void.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

March 25, 1776.

Twenty-two Members met, pursuant to Adjournment, and the Speaker being prevented by necessary Business from attending, the Members present were adjourned by the Clerk to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 26, 1776.

A Quorum met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the three Laws passed on *Saturday* last, and to deposite the same in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service according to Order.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill," and *to make further Provisions therein*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Representation from *John Secord*, in Behalf of himself and other Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania*, at or near *Wyoming*, with the several Papers and Affidavits attending the same,

were again read, and after some Debate, referred to the Committee of Grievances, who are to hear the Complainants, and report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House again took up the Resolves of the Committee appointed to consider the Resolutions of Congress, which having been read a second time, and separately agreed to on the Question, were transcribed, and follow in these Words, *viz.*

Resolved, 1. That any Person or Persons whatsoever, within this Colony, who shall harbour and conceal any Deserter, (knowing him to be such) from the Continental Forces, or any other Forces raised within this or any other of the United Colonies, for the Defence of *America*, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding *Fifty*, nor less than *Thirty Dollars*, or suffer three Months Imprisonment for each Offence, being convicted thereof, by the Testimony of one or more Witnesses, before any two Justices of the Peace of the City, Borough or County respectively where such Offence shall be committed, who are hereby authorised to hear and determine all Offences contrary to the above Resolve; which Fine shall be deposited in the Hands of the Overseers of the Poor of the City, Borough or Township, where the Offence is committed, for the Use of the Poor of such Place.

Resolved, 2. That the Commander in Chief, or the Officer commanding a Detachment, or any Post in this Colony, have Power, and he is hereby authorised, to administer an Oath or Affirmation to any Person or Persons, to the Truth of any Information or Intelligence such Person or Persons may give, relative to the Public, Military or Naval Service.

Resolved, 3. That there shall be erected, and constantly held, in the City of *Philadelphia*, a Court of Justice, by such able and discrete Person as shall be appointed, from Time to Time, by the Assembly, and commissioned, under the Hand and Seal of their Speaker, for that Purpose, whose Business it shall be to take Cognizance of and try the Justice of any Capture, or Captures, of any Vessel, or Vessels, that shall be made by any Person or Persons, in Pursuance of the Resolves of the Honourable Continental Congress, and brought into the Port of *Philadelphia* aforesaid; and the Judge, so commissioned to hold said Court as aforesaid, shall have Power, at all Times, to issue his Warrant, or Warrants, to the Marshal of the City and County of *Philadelphia* hereafter to be appointed by the Committee of Safety, which they are hereby impowered to do, commanding him to summon twelve honest and lawful Men of the County of *Philadelphia* aforesaid, to appear before the said

Judge, at such Time and Place as he shall appoint; and the said Marshal is required to execute said Warrant and make Return thereof, as in and by the same he shall be authorized and directed.

Resolved, 4. That when any Person, or Persons, shall take and bring into any Port, in this Colony, any Vessel or Vessels, that have been offending or employed by the Enemy, contrary to the Resolves of the Honourable Continental Congress, such Person or Persons, so taking or bringing in such Vessel, shall immediately make out a Bill in Writing, therein giving a full and ample Account of the Time and Manner of the Caption of said Vessel, and the Employment she was in when so taken, and of the Persons who were aiding and assisting in taking her, to the best of his Knowledge, at the Time of her Caption, and shall deliver the same to the Judge, who shall have Jurisdiction of the Port aforesaid, with all the Papers that may be found on board such Vessel, to the Intent that the Jury may have the Benefit of Evidence therefrom arising: and the Judge, to whom said Bill shall be delivered, shall immediately issue his Warrant or Warrants, as aforesaid, to the said Marshal, commanding him, in Manner aforesaid, to return twelve good and lawful Men to try the Truth of any Facts alledged in such Bill: which Jury shall be sworn, or affirmed, to return and give a true Verdict upon the said Bill according to Evidence; and if it shall appear to said Judge, by said Verdict, that such Vessel had been employed or offending as aforesaid, he shall condemn said Vessel, Cargo and Appurtenances, and order them to be sold at public Vendue, and shall order the Charges of said Trial and Condemnation to be paid out of the Money such Vessel and Cargo shall sell for, into the Hands of *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; the Treasurer of this Colony, or such other Treasurer as the Assembly shall appoint, and shall order the Residue thereof to be delivered to the Captors, their Agents or Attornies, for the Use and Benefit of such Captors and others concerned therein. And if two or more Vessels, the Commanders whereof shall be properly commissioned, shall jointly take such Vessel, the Money arising from the Sale thereof, her Cargo and Appurtenances, after Payment of all Charges as aforesaid, shall be divided between the Captors, in Proportion to their Men. And the said Judge, before whom any such Trial and Condemnation, as is afore-mentioned, shall be had, shall be and is hereby authorised to make out his Precept, under his Hand and Seal, directed to the said Marshal, requiring him to sell such Vessel, Cargo and Appurtenances, and to pay thereout the Charges of Trial, Condemnation and Sale, to the

Treasurer aforesaid, and to deliver the Residue to the Captors and Persons concerned as aforesaid.

Resolved, 5. That there shall be paid to the Judge, Jurors, Marshal and Clerk, out of the public Treasury, such Fees as have been heretofore paid, in the Port of *Philadelphia*, in like Cases, or shall hereafter be established.

Resolved, 6. That when any such Bill shall be delivered to such Judge, he shall cause Notification thereof, and the Name (if known) and Description of the Vessel so brought in, with the Day set for the Trial thereon, in at least two of the public News-Papers printed at *Philadelphia*, fifteen Days before the Time set for the Trial, that the Owner of such Vessel, or any Person concerned, may appear and shew Cause, if any they have, why such Vessel, with her Cargo and Appurtenances, should not be condemned as aforesaid.

Resolved, 7. That the Process and Proceeding, upon any Vessel that shall be retaken from the Enemy by any Person or Persons, shall be in the same Manner as is herein provided for other Vessels; and to be sold and disposed of, in Manner aforesaid, for the Benefit and to the Uses directed by the Congress aforesaid, in Cases of Re-captures.

Resolved, 8. That in all Cases an Appeal shall be allowed to the Congress, or such Person as they shall appoint for the hearing and trying Appeals; provided the Appeal be demanded within five Days after definitive Sentence, and such Appeal be lodged, with the Secretary of Congress, within forty Days afterwards; and provided the Party appealing shall give Security to prosecute the said Appeal to effect. And in Case of the Death of the Secretary, during the Recess of Congress, then the said Appeal to be lodged in Congress within twenty Days after the Meeting thereof.

Resolved, 9. That the Judge of such Court shall appoint an able Clerk, who shall keep a true and fair Record of all the Proceedings of said Court, and shall be duly sworn or affirmed to act, in the said Office, with Truth and Fidelity, and his Attestations shall be received as Evidence.

Resolved, 10. That the Depositions of the Witnesses, in any of the Cases aforesaid, shall be taken before the Judge aforesaid and filed in the Clerk's Office, and that the same shall be, at all Times, admitted in Evidence, in Case of the Death or Absence of the Witness; and that the same Depositions shall and may be taken, *ex Parte*, on such Notice being given to the adverse Party as the said Judge shall direct and appoint.

And whereas it is necessary to ascretain impartially the Number of Inhabitants of this as well as the other United

Colonies, in order to fix the Quota of Taxes to be by them respectvely raised and paid towards sinking the Monies issued by the Continental Congress, for the Support and Defence of the said Colonies,

Resolved, therefore, 11. That the Assessors of the several Wards of the City of *Philadelphia*, and of the Boroughs, Districts and Townships, in the Counties of this Province respectively, having first taken an Oath or Affirmation for that Purpose, shall make diligent Search and Enquiry, and thereupon make a fair and just Return of the Number of Inhabitants of all Ages and Sexes, (including Negroes and Mulattoes) in their respective Boroughs, Districts, Wards and Townships, distinguishing their several Ages and Sexes, according to a printed List to be furnished them by the Commissioners for that Purpose, and shall deliver the same compleated, on or before the First Day of *December* next, to the Commissioners of the respective Counties, who shall forthwith transmit the same to the Assembly. And if any Assessor shall neglect or refuse to perform the Duty aforesaid, the Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any two of them, are hereby required and enjoined to fine him in any Sum not exceeding *Ten Pounds*, which shall be levied and recovered in the same Manner as is directed by the Laws of this Province, for levying and recovering Fines imposed on Assessors refusing or neglecting to perform the Duties therein required of them, to be paid into the Hands of the respective County-Treasurers, to be by them delivered to the same Person, and applied to the same Use as the other Monies directed to be levied by the Resolves of this House; and in Case of Neglect or Refusal as aforesaid, the said Commissoners, or any two of them, are hereby authorised and required to appoint another fit and capable Person, in the Place of him so neglecting or refusing, who is hereby impowered to perform the Duties enjoined by the foregoing Resolve.

And whereas it is necessary to prevent the arresting of Continental or Colonial Soldiers for small Debts,

Resolved, 12. That no such Soldier shall be arrested or imprisoned, at the Suit of any Creditor, unless the said Creditor make Oath or Affirmation, that the said Soldier is justly indebted to him in the Sum of *Thirty-five Dollars*, over and above all Discounts; and that the Estate of such Soldier shall not be liable to Attachment, at the Suit or for the Benefit of all or any of his Creditors, unless their Debts in the Whole, on being ascertained by their Oaths or Affirmations, shall amount to more than *One Hundred and Fifty Dollars*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 27, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* be added to the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the several Battalions of Associators in this Province.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the Town of *Reading*, for building Barracks in the said Town, and after some Debate, ordered that the said Petition lie on the Table.

Three Petitions from *James Talbot*, *John Patterson* and *Michael Jordan*, insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

Referred to the Committee of Grievances.

The Bills entituled, "*An Act to make perpetual an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Poor,"* and, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill, and "*to make further Provisions therein,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Swoope* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That Colonel *Miles* be, and he is hereby impowered to procure, on Rent, such empty Houses, in the Borough of *Chester* and *Marcus-Hook*, as he shall judge necessary to accommodate the Troops, in the Service of this Province, that may be stationed in those Parts; and that he be allowed to make such Alterations and Repairs to the said Houses, as shall appear absolutely necessary.

The Petition of *James Patton* and *John Allen*, of *Cumberland* County, was, on Motion, again read, and, after some Debate, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House again took up the Resolutions of the Committee appointed to consider of the best Mode of encouraging the Culture of Flax, in this Province, and having spent some Time therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

A Member of the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to continue the Poor-Act, presented a Draught at the Table, entituled, "*An Act to extend an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the Increase of Vaga-*

bonds and other idle and disorderly Persons, within this Province," to the City of Philadelphia *and other Places therein mentioned,"* which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 28, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with the Bills passed Yesterday, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter of the 26th Instant from *Mark Bird*, Esq; Chairman of the *Berks* County Committee, inclosing a Letter, to the said Committee, from *Richard Tea*, one of the Commissioners for the County aforesaid, representing, that his Colleagues, *Samuel High* and *Michael Bright*, have absolutely refused to act as Commissioners, in carrying into Execution the Resolves of Assembly, respecting the Military Association.

Referred to the Committee appointed to revise the Military Rules and Regulations.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, *"An Act to extend an Act passed in the seventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the Increase of Vagabonds and other idle and disorderly Persons, within this Province," to the City of* Philadelphia *and other Places therein mentioned,"* and after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Letter from the Committee of Safety of the 13th Instant, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *Ross*, be a Committee to settle the Rates to be allowed for the Entertainment of Troops marching through this Province, and the Hire of Carriages employed in transporting Provisions, Baggage and Military Stores, for the Use of such Troops.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That *James Sutor* be, and he is hereby appointed, an Ensign, in the Battalion of Musket-Men, in the Place of *Hezekiah Davis*, in the Continental Service.

The House taking into Consideration the Resignation of *Jacob Levan*, *Daniel Topham* and *John Hough*, appointed a First Lieutenant, Third Lieutenant and Ensign, in the *Pennsylvania* Forces,

Resolved, That *Daniel Topham* be, and he is hereby appointed, a First Lieutenant, in the said Forces, in the Place of *Jacob Levan* aforesaid.

Resolved, That *Abner Davis* be, and he is hereby appointed, a Third Lieutenant, in the said Forces, in the Place of *Daniel Topham* aforesaid.

Resolved, That *Joseph Davis* be, and he is hereby appointed, an Ensign, in the said Forces, in the Place of *John Hough* aforesaid.

The Committee appointed to view the Machines, constructed by *John Marshall*, reported, "that, in Obedience to the Order of the House, they had examined the several Machines and Implements, in the House of Employment, made by the said *Marshall*, for carrying on the Manufacture of Thread, particularly his curious Machine for Twisting, which appeared to them so well contrived for expediting the said Business, that they are of Opinion he well deserves a Reward from the Public."

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *Chester* County, with the Affidavits attending the same, and after some Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Ross*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to suspend the Opening a Part of the Road, lately laid out by Order of the Governor and Council, from the Corporation-Ferry, on *Schuylkill*, to the Village of *Strasburg*.

The Committee appointed to settle the Rank of the Captains and Subalterns, in the several Battalions of the *Pennsylvania* Forces, presented a written Report thereon, which was read and is as follows, *viz.*

OFFICERS of the RIFLE-REGIMENT.

Captains of the First Battalion.	Captains of the Second Battalion.
1. *Lewis Farmer*,	1. *John Murrow*,
2. *Richard Brown*,	2. *William Peoples*,
3. *Andrew Long*,	3. *James Marshall*,
4. *Philip Albright*,	4. *Joseph Irwine*,
5. *Henry Shade*,	5. *Peter Grubb, junior*,
6. *Caspar Weitzell.*	6. *Henry Chreist, junior.*

First Lieutenants.	Second Lieutenants.
1. *Thomas Bart. Bowen,*	1. *George Wert,*
2. *Matthew Scott,*	2. *John Perrin,*
3. *William Gray,*	3. *John Robb,*
4. *James Francis Moore,*	4. *John Carpenter,*
5. *John Spear,*	5. *John Carnagan,*
6. *John Stoner,*	6. *John Burns,*
7. *John Thompson,*	7. *Jost Treisbach,*
8. *John Clark,*	8. *James Hamilton,*
9. *John Davis,*	9. *Joseph Finley,*
10. *John Young,*	10. *William M'Pherson,*
11. *Edward Thompson,*	11. *Jacob Maise,*
12. *Daniel Topham.*	12. *Thomas Gourley.*

Third Lieutenants.

1. *Joseph Jacquet,*	7. *Abraham Smith,*
2. *William Barnit,*	8. *Jacob Stake.*
3. *Thomas Boyd,*	9. *Charles Taylor,*
4. *John Dungan,*	10. *Robert Campbell,*
5. *David Sloan,*	11. *George Grant,*
6. *Stephen Hanna,*	12. *Abner Davis.*

OFFICERS of the MUSKET-BATTALION.

Captains.	Lieutenants.
1. *Patrick Anderson,*	1. *Walter Finney,*
2. *Peter Zachary Lloyd,*	2. *Matthias Weidman,*
3. *Francis Murray,*	3. *Morton Garret,*
4. *Abraham Marshall,*	4. *John Davis,*
5. *Thomas Herbert,*	5. *Joseph M'Clellan,*
6. *Abraham Dehuff,*	6. *Robert Caldwell,*
7. *John Nice,*	7. *Barnard Ward.*
8. *Joseph Howell, junior.*	8. *Peter Shaffner.*

Ensigns.

1. *James Lang,*	5. *James Sutor,*
2. *William Henderson,*	6. *Henry Valentine,*
3. *Alexander Huston, jun.*	7. *Michael App,*
4. *John Kirk,*	8. *Joseph Davis.*

Your Committee beg Leave to report, that they have settled the Rank of the Regiment of Rifle-Men consisting of two Battalions, and the Battalion of Musketry, as follows, *viz.*

First, The Officers to rank according to the Number indorsed on their respective Commissions.

Secondly, The Officers of the first Battalion of Rifle-Men to take Rank of the Officers of the second Battalion, where their Commissions have the same Number indorsed.

Thirdly, The Officers of the Regiment of Rifle-Men to take Rank where the Officers of the Musketry are of the same Number.

Fourthly, All Promotions to go and be made by Seniority in the particular Battalion where a Vacancy happens.

All which is submitted to the House by

MICHAEL SWOOPE,	SAMUEL MILES,
JOHN MONTGOMERY,	DAVID RITTENHOUSE,
GEORGE TAYLOR,	WILLIAM RODMAN,
BARNARD DOUGHERTY,	CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
SAMUEL HUNTER,	GEORGE ROSS."

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That Captain *Joseph Shaw*, *Josiah Hart* and *William Roberts*, who have been brought before a Committee of this House to rectify Errors committed in the Settlement of their respective Accounts of Military Expences, do forthwith pay the Fees arising to the Sergeant at Arms, and the Allowance to the several Witnesses who have attended on the Occasion.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do tax the Bills to be respectively paid by the said *Joseph Shaw*, *Josiah Hart* and *William Roberts*, and that they be served with Copies of the same by the said Witnesses, who are hereby authorised to demand Payment.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 29, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act to make perpetual an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Poor,"* and, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill, *and to make further Provisions therein,"* and acquainted the House, that he should be ready to pass the said Bills whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Jacobs* wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue Part of an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled, "An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the*

Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and, "*for making further Provisions for the better executing the said Act,*" and deliver the same for his Consideration and Assent.

The Members return and report they had waited on his Honour with the said Bill, and that he was pleased to say he would take the same into immediate Consideration.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Reed* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Rules and Regulations for the Government of *Pennsylvania* Forces.

Mr. *Parker*, in Behalf of the Committees appointed to strike the several Sums of *Thirty-five* and *Eighty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, pursuant to Resolutions of the late and present House of Assembly, produced, at the Table, the Receipts of *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer, for the said several Sums in Bills of Credit aforesaid to him paid as directed by the said Resolutions. The same Member also produced six unsigned extra Sheets of the said *Thirty-five* and three of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds*, printed to supply any accidental Loss during the Signing and Numbering of the said Bills, which extra Sheets being examined, were burned by Order of the House, in the Presence of the Members.

The Committee, to whom the several Memorials from the County Committees, and Petitions from the Officers and Privates of the Military Association, together with the Rules and Articles for the better Government thereof, were referred for Consideration and Amendment, presented a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition of *Samuel Penrose*, Tenant on the *Province-Island*, with the Accounts of Damages sustained on the said Island by the Storm in *September* last, and the Expence of Repairs since made to the Banks, and after a Debate of some Length,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rittenhouse* and Mr. *Humphreys*, be a Committee to confer with the Tenants, and report what Allowance it may be reasonable the House should make for the Losses they have sustained by the late Storm.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants, in the Southern Part of the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and

read, setting forth the Utility of the new Road laid out by Order of the Governor and Council, from the Middle Ferry, on *Schuylkill*, to the Village of *Strasburg*, and praying that Part of the public Money, appropriated to the Repair and Improvement of provincial Roads, may be applied to the Clearing the said new Road, as far as the same extends from the Village of *Strasburg* to the Sign of the Ship.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House took into Consideration the Resolution laid before them, from the Honourable Continental Congress, of the Fourteenth Instant, together with a later Resolve of the same Body, in the Words following, *viz.*

"Whereas, in the Execution of the Resolve of Congress of the 14th of *March*, respecting the disarming disaffected Persons, many Fire-Arms may be taken, which may not be fit for Use, to arm any of the Troops mentioned therein; therefore *Resolved*, That all the Fire-Arms so taken, being appraised according to said Resolve, none of them shall be paid for, but those that are fit for the Use of such Troops, or that may conveniently be so made, and the Remainder shall be safely kept by the Assemblies, Conventions, Councils or Committees of Safety, for the Owners, to be delivered to them when the Congress shall direct;" and, after a Debate of considerable Length, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

March 30, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resuming the Consideration of the Resolutions of Congress before them last Night, after further Debate thereon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Grubb*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Resolves, directing the Mode of disarming disaffected Persons, and procuring Arms from other Inhabitants of this Province, pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions of Congress.

Sundry Accounts from *Andrew M'Nair* for *Indian* Expences, amounting to £ 46 16 11, being laid before the House and allowed, an Order was drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; and signed by the Speaker for Payment thereof.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

April 1, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

April 2, 1776.

A Quorum met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night.

The Committee appointed to examine and consider the Papers and Petition of *John Lytell*, of *Lancaster* County, reported, "that the Case of the Petitioner merits the Notice of the House, and that it will be proper to give him the Relief he solicits."

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpose expressed in his Petition.

Pursuant to the above Order, a Member presented at the Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Andrew Hershey, *in and to certain Lands, in the Township of* Donegal, *in the County of* Lancaster," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Discharge of divers insolvent Debtors, from the Gaol of this County, presented a Draught for that Purpose, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Judd, John Onions *and* William Sanders, *Prisoners for Debt, in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

An Account of Expences incurred by raising a Troop of Horse, in *Westmoreland* County, amounting to £ , was laid before the House, and after some Debate, referred to the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of Battalion-Expences.

A Member produced at the Table an Account of sundry Goods, amounting to £ 93 10 0, furnished by *Joseph Spear* to *George Croghan*, Esq; to be given to the Hostages left by the *Delawares* and Six Nation *Indians*, to evince their sincere Desire of preserving Peace, with this Province, when War was commenced between the *Shawanese* and *Virginians*,—and also to the Deputies sent with Speeches; which Account being read, and appearing irregular, was

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to suspend the opening a new Road, laid out by Order of the Governor and Council, from the Corporation-Ferry on *Schuylkill*, to the Village of *Strasburg* in *Lancaster* County, presented a Draught for that Purpose, entituled, "*An Act to suspend the carrying into Execution the Orders of the Governor and Council, for opening a certain Road in this Province*," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Association in this Province, together with the Objections made to the same by the Officers and Privates of the said Association; and, after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Report of the Committee, upon the Rules and Regulations, *&c.* and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

April 3, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented at the Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Alexander Stewart, *a Prisoner for Debt, in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to suspend the carrying into Execution the Orders of the Governor and Council, for opening a certain Road in this Province,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to settle the Rates to be allowed for the Entertainment of Troops marching in and through this Province, and the Hire of Carriages employed in transporting Provisions, Baggage and Military Stores, for the Use of such Troops, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

Resolved, That there shall be allowed and paid to every Innholder, or other Person, who shall furnish Provision to Troops marching in and through this Province, the Sum of *Six-pence* for each Meal, with one Pint of Cyder or Small-Beer, that shall be by them so furnished to any Soldier of the United Colonies, or in the Pay of this Province, or to any Associator when called into actual Service, and no more.

Resolved, That there shall be paid *Fifteen Shillings, per Diem*, and no more, for every Waggon or Cart, with a Driver, (the said Driver maintaining himself and Horses, and the Load of each Waggon or Cart not exceeding Two Thousand Weight) that shall be employed in transporting Provisions, Baggage and Military Stores, for the Use of Troops in the Pay of the United Colonies, or of this Province, or of Associators when called into actual Service.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Rules and Regulations for the Government of the *Pennsylvania* Forces, reported, "that they had examined the Rules and Regulations made by the Honourable Congress, for the Government of the Continental Forces, and recommend that the same be adopted for the Government of the Forces of this Province."

The House again took up the Report of the Committee upon Rules and Regulations, and having made further Progress therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That all Commissions to Officers of the several Battalions of Associators, in this Province, be issued and signed by the Speaker of the Assembly for the Time being.

Resolved, That all Battalions now formed, as well as those hereafter to be formed, in the City of *Philadelphia*, are desired to make Returns of their Officers, with their respective Ranks, to the Committee for the said City; and the Battalions, in the several Counties, are desired to make Returns, in like Manner, to their respective Committees; which Committees are desired to certify such Returns, with the respective Rank of each Battalion in their Counties, to the Assembly of this Province, or, in the Recess of the House, to the Speaker thereof, that Commissions may be issued, for every Officer, agreeable to the above Resolve.

Resolved, That the Twenty-fourth Article of the Rules and Regulations, published at the last Sitting of Assembly, directing Military Commissions to be issued by the Committee of Safety, be, and the same is hereby declared, void.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Rittenhouse*, Mr. *Twining*, Mr. *Pyle*, Mr. *Grubb*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Kachlein*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter*, be a Committee to visit the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, and make Report, at the next Sitting, of the State and Oeconomy of that Institution.

A Petition from *William Scout*, of the Manor of *Moreland*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, agreeable to the Directions of the House, had waited on Capt. *Josiah Hart*, and requested him to pay the Account allowed by the Committee to the Petitioner for his Services as Fugal-Man to the Company of the said *Hart*, and that the Captain had absolutely refused Payment of the same.

The House taking the foregoing Petition immediately into Consideration,

Resolved, That the said *Josiah Hart* be forthwith brought

to the Bar of the House, by the Sergeant at Arms, to answer for his Contempt of the Order of the House. And a Warrant for that Purpose being made out at the Table, and signed by the Speaker, was delivered to the Sergeant at Arms.

A Petition from Messrs. *Owen Biddle* and *Benjamin Rush*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, having the public Works erected for the making Salt-Petre, in the said City, under their Care and Direction, before the Twenty-fifth Day of *November* last, when, by a Resolve of the Honourable House, they took the said Works under their Management, and appointed a Committee to superintend the same, had, over and above the public Money put into their Hands, expended divers Sums of their own Money, and contracted sundry Debts for that Service, as will appear by an Account exhibited with their Petition; and there being no Provision made for Payment thereof, the Petitioners pray the Honourable House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and direct the Disbursements and Contracts aforesaid to be paid in such Manner as they, in their Wisdom, shall judge proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a considerable Number of Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, respecting the setting Negro Slaves at Liberty, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

April 4, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rittenhouse*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Ross*, be a Committee to collect and consider the several Resolutions of Congress, relative to the *Wyoming* Dispute, together with the Petitions, Complaints and Affidavits, that have been laid before this House by the Parties, and report a State of the said Dispute to the House, at their next Sitting.

The Bill entituled, "*An Act to suspend the carrying into Execution the Orders of the Governor and Council, for opening a certain Road in this Province*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Pennock* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions of *John Patterson, Michael Jordan* and *James Talbot* were referred for Examination, reported "that they had attended at the Gaol of this City to hear the said Petitioners and their Creditors, and having considered the Objections of such Creditors as appeared, they recommend *Michael Jordan* as a proper Object of the Relief he prays for;—that *James Talbot* not having notified his Creditors, and those of *John Patterson* having offered some Objections which the Committee think of Weight, they appear not at present entitled to the Benefit of their Petitions."

Ordered, That *Michael Jordan* be included in the Bill now before the House for Relief of insolvent Debtors.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Judd, John Onions, Michael Jordan *and* William Sanders, *Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," which, being read the second time and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Alexander Stewart, *a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to examine the Complaints of *John Aurandt, George Wolff* and *Thomas Sutherland*, against divers Magistrates of *Northumberland* County, reported, "that the Petitioners only attending, the Committee could not with Propriety determine on the Merits of the Petitions referred to them; but, are of Opinion, that as the Time of the present Session does not admit of calling the Parties together, to answer the above Complaints and hearing their Defence, they ought to be summoned to attend at the next Session of Assembly, unless the Matters complained of should be accommodated before that Time."

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to bring in a Draught of Rules and Articles for the Government of the *Pennsylvania* Forces, and

finding that those formed for the Continental Troops, and recommended by the Committee, will require material Alterations,

Ordered, That the same Committee do prepare and report a Draught of such Alterations of the Continental Articles as may be proper for the Troops in Pay of this Province.

The House again took up the Report of the Committee upon the Petitions of the Officers and Privates of the Military Association in this Province, together with the Rules and Regulations of the House for the better Government of the said Association, and having nearly gone through the same, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

April 5, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Association in this Province, and having adopted sundry Alterations proposed by the Committee, the said Rules and Regulations were transcribed accordingly, and are as follows, *viz.*

RULES *and* REGULATIONS *for the better Government of the* MILITARY ASSOCIATION *in* Pennsylvania.

First, ALL Officers chosen or appointed in Battalions that were formed before the First Day of *October* last, in the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*, to take Rank or Precedence of all other Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other Part of the Province.

Second, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Philadelphia* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other County.

Third, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Bucks* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other than the City and County of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

Fourth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Chester* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity chosen or appointed in any other than *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, and *Philadelphia* City, the District of *Southwark* and Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

Fifth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Lancaster* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other than *Chester*, *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, and the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

Sixth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *York* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in any other than *Lancaster*, *Chester*, *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, *Philadelphia* City, the District of *Southwark* and Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

Seventh, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Cumberland* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in the junior Counties of *Berks*, *Northampton*, *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*.

Eighth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Berks* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in the Counties of *Northampton*, *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*.

Ninth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Northampton* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland* Counties.

Tenth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Bedford* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland* Counties.

Eleventh, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Northumberland* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Westmoreland* County.

Twelfth, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Westmoreland*, the youngest or last made County in this Province, to yield up Rank or Precedence to all Officers of equal Dignity chosen or appointed in every other County in this Province before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid.

Thirteenth, Where Commissions of equal Dignity in different Counties bear the same Date, Precedency to be determined by Seniority of Counties, but where they are in the same County, by the Rank of the Battalion.

Fourteenth, The Colonels chosen or appointed in the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the Town-

ships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*, having already determined their Ranks with respect to each other by Lot, their and the other Field-Officers Commissions will be dated according to the Lot so drawn.

Fifteenth, The Colonels chosen or appointed in every County before the said First Day of *October*, are to determine their Rank with respect to each other (where not already done) by Lot, and Commissions for them and their respective Field-Officers will be dated accordingly.

Sixteenth, The Captains in every Battalion to determine their Rank in Battalion (where not already settled) by Lot, and their Commissions with those of their Lieutenants and Ensigns will be dated accordingly.

Seventeenth, All Officers chosen or appointed after the said First Day of *October*, to have their Commissions dated at the Time of such Choice or Appointment, and to take Rank according to said Dates.

Eighteenth, All Battalions to be compleated as soon as possible, and (except Battalions of Rifle-Men) to consist of at least six Companies of not less than Forty and not more than Seventy-six Privates each, and to have for Officers, a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, two Majors, a Standard-Bearer, Adjutant, Serjeant-Major, a Drum- and Fife-Major; and the Officers of each Company to consist of a Captain, two Lieutenants, one or two Ensigns, four Serjeants, four Corporals, a Drummer and Fifer, except the Light-Infantry Companies, which, instead of two Lieutenants and two Ensigns, are to have four Lieutenants, the two youngest of which are to rank as Ensigns.

Nineteenth, All Battalions of Rifle-Men shall consist of at least six Companies of not less than Forty, nor more than Fifty-six Privates each, and have for Officers a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, and two Majors; and the Officers of each Company shall be a Captain, two First Lieutenants and two Second Lieutenants, who shall rank as Ensigns, a Fifer or Hornblower, and as many Serjeants and Corporals as may be found necessary; the Serjeants, Corporals and Fifers or Hornblowers to be appointed by the Field-Officers.

Every Officer and Private of a Rifle Company shall furnish himself with a good Rifle Gun, a Powder-Horn, a Charger, a Bullet-Screw, twelve Flints, a strong Pouch or Bag that will hold four Pounds of Ball, and such other Accoutrements as may be proper for a Rifle-Man.

Twentieth, The Standard-Bearer of each Battalion to rank as eldest Lieutenant of the Battalion.

Twenty-first, All National Distinctions in Dress or Name to be avoided, it being proper that we should now be united in this General Association for Defending our Liberties and Properties, under the sole Denomination of *Americans*.

Twenty-second, No Field-Officers to have Companies.

Twenty-third, For the better Order and Government of Companies which may be raised after the Completion of the several Battalions already formed in the City and Counties, such Companies are not to be admitted as independent, but are to be annexed to the most convenient Battalion, until a sufficient Number of Companies are raised to form a new Battalion, and no Number of Associators are to be considered as a Company, unless they consist of at least Forty Privates; but it is recommended that till that Number be completed, the Associators join the most convenient Company, exercise and do Duty with such Company.

Twenty-fourth, That all Commissions to Officers of the several Battalions of Associators, in this Province, be issued and signed by the Speaker of the Assembly for the Time being.

That all Battalions now formed, as well as those hereafter to be formed, in the City of *Philadelphia*, be desired to make Returns of their Officers, with their respective Ranks, to the Committee for the said City; and the Battalions, in the several Counties, are desired to make Returns, in like Manner, to their respective Committees; which Committees are desired to certify such Returns, with the respective Rank of each Battalion in their Counties, to the Assembly of this Province, or, in the Recess of the House, to the Speaker thereof, that Commissions may be issued, for every Officer, as above directed.

Twenty-fifth, Every Associator (except Rifle-Men) is required to furnish himself with a good and sufficient Firelock fit for actual Service, a Bayonet fitted thereto, Steel Ramrod, Worm, Priming-Wire and Brush, a Cartridge-Box that will contain Twenty-three Rounds of Cartridges, twelve Flints, a Knapsack, a sufficient Powder-Horn, and a Pouch at the Bottom of his Cartridge-Box, or a strong Bag, that will hold four Pounds of Ball.

Twenty-sixth, The Commissioners and Assessors of the several Counties, within this Province, shall deliver the Firelocks, Bayonets, Cartridge-Boxes and Knapsacks, directed to be provided by the Resolutions of the late House of Assembly, to the commanding Officers of the several Battalions, in their respective Counties, in due Proportions, according to

the Number of Men in each Battalion, for the Use of such Associators, in their Battalions, as are unable to supply themselves, taking Receipts for the same, which they shall immediately transmit to the Committee of Safety, having first entered the Accounts of the same in their respective Minute-Books; and the said commanding Officers shall be accountable for the Delivery of such Arms and Accoutrements, unless lost in actual Service, whenever they shall be called upon by the Assembly or Committee of Safety.

Twenty-seventh, That the public Arms delivered to Associators be not subject to any Distress for Rent or Execution for Debt: That any Associator who shall sell such Arms, or by any Means defraud the Public thereof, or endeavour so to do, shall forfeit £6, and be held up to public Infamy and Disgrace: And any Person who shall detain, buy, or exchange such Arms, knowing them to be public Property, shall forfeit £ 10, and be held up in like Manner.

Twenty-eighth, Every Associator is required to attend constantly, with his Arms and Accoutrements in good Order, on the last *Monday* in the Month of *February*, the two last *Mondays* in the Month of *March*, the three last *Mondays* in the Month of *April*, the four *Mondays* in the Month of *May*, the two first *Mondays* in the Month of *June*, the last *Monday* in the Month of *July*, the three first *Mondays* in the Month of *August*, the three last *Mondays* in the Month of *September*, and the second *Monday* in the Month of *October*, at the Places appointed by their commanding Officers, to be trained and exercised in Companies or Battalions, as the Officers shall direct:

And it is also recommended to such Associators, as are not sufficiently expert in the Exercise, to meet as frequently as they conveniently can, at other Times, to perfect themselves in the same: It is also directed, that the commanding Officers respectively shall give due Notice to the Associators of the Places and Hours of Meeting, either in Companies or Battalion; and if the Associators are prevented from meeting on any of the Days herein-appointed, by the Inclemency of the Weather, they are to meet on the next fair Day.

Twenty-ninth, No Company or Battalion shall meet at a Tavern on any of the Days of Exercise; nor shall march to any Tavern before they are discharged.

Thirtieth, The Associators, on Days of Exercise, may be detained under Arms, on Duty in the Field, any Time not exceeding six Hours, provided they are not kept above three Hours under Arms at any one Time, without allowing them a proper Time to refresh themselves.

Thirty-first, The Sergeant or Clerk of any Company to be for this Purpose appointed by the Captain, Lieutenants and Ensigns of the Company, is required, at the End of one Hour after the Time appointed for the Meeting of the Company or Battalion, to call over the Muster-Roll of the Company, noting those who are absent, and that Day to make Return, in Writing, to the Captain of such Absentees; and all Persons so absent, at the Time of calling over the Roll, are to be liable to the Fines hereafter mentioned in the Articles for Non-Attendance.

Thirty-second, The Captain of every Company, as soon as he is supplied by the Public with Powder and Lead for the Purpose, is to take especial Care, that Twenty-three Rounds of Cartridges are properly made up, and suited to the Bore of each Firelock respectively belonging to his Company, and shall keep all the Cartridges, that are so made up, in some dry and convenient Place, with the Name of the Private affixed for whose Firelock they are fitted, ready to be delivered out, when Occasion requires.

Thirty-third, Adjutants, Drummers and Fifers, shall receive the following Pay for every Day of Service they attend their respective Battalions or Companies by Order of the commanding Officer.

An Adjutant *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence*. A Drummer *Three Shillings*; a Fifer *Three Shillings*. The Drum-Major and Fife-Major of every Battalion shall receive each a Sum not exceeding *Fifteen Shillings* per Week, and be continued in Pay as long as the Colonels of the several Battalions shall think necessary; and it is required, that such Drum-Majors and Fife-Majors, when not in Service on Days of Exercise, shall be diligently employed in instructing a proper Number of Persons for Drummers and Fifers of the several Battalions. That, instead of an Adjutant on Pay, there be a Serjeant-Major to each Battalion of the City of *Philadelphia*, who shall receive a Sum not exceeding *Eight Dollars* per Month, and be continued in Pay as long as the Colonels of the several Battalions shall think necessary, provided the same be not extended beyond the second *Monday* in *October* next.

Thirty-fourth, All Officers and Soldiers of the Association when employed on Military Watch and Ward, or when called into actual Service, in Case of an Invasion or Insurrection, or imminent Danger of either, by this House of Assembly, or, in their Recess, by the Committee of Safety, shall, while on such Watch, or in such Service, be entitled to and re-

ceive the same Pay that the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Troops receive.

Thirty-fifth, If any Officer or Soldier, not labouring under any Infirmity incapacitating him to serve, shall, when so called into actual Service, refuse to appear and march with his Arms, Ammunition and Accoutrements, or (if a Soldier) shall refuse to provide a suitable Person well cloathed, armed and accoutred, to march in his Stead, such Person to be approved by the commanding Officer of the Battalion, or if any Officer or Soldier, having entered on such Service, shall depart without Leave of such commanding Officer, he shall be held up to the Public as a Coward and Betrayer of his Country; provided always, that no Associator be detained, in actual Service, longer than two Months, at one Time, without his free Consent.

Thirty-sixth, If any Associator, so called into actual Service, shall leave a Family not of Ability to maintain themselves in his Absence, the Overseers of the Poor, with the Concurrence of one Justice of the Peace of the City or County where such Associator did reside, shall immediately make Provision, by Way of Out-Pension, for the Maintenance of such Family; and a true and proper Account being kept thereof, shall be returned to the Assembly, in order that the same may be made a Provincial Expence, and paid accordingly.

Thirty-seventh, When any of the Associators shall be so called into actual Service, the Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any one of them, shall immediately provide such Carriages as may be necessary for their Accommodation, at the Expence of the Public.

Thirty-eighth, As there may happen Occasions wherein it may be necessary to call out a Part of the Associators to actual though temporary Service, and not the whole Body, and it would be inconvenient and burthensome, if, upon every Alarm, where the Assistance of Part only may be wanted, the Whole should come together, or a much greater Number than the Occasion required, it is recommended, that Orders may issue from the Assembly, or, in their Recess, the Committee of Safety, to the Colonels, either to march their whole Battalion, or to send to an appointed Rendezvous one or more Companies, as they may be wanted;—and, in the latter Case, such Company to be formed by Draughts out of the Companies, and to be commanded by an Officer out of each Company, on the Tour of Duty,—each Company serving, on such Calls, in its Turn, and for such Proportion of Time as

shall make the Burthen nearly equal; and if the Associators, who are called forth, are not all provided with good Arms, it is recommended to all those, who have such and are not called out, to lend the same for that Occasion, at the Risk of the Public.

Thirty-ninth, The Field-Officers of every Battalion shall appoint some Person, in each Company of their respective Battalions in whom they can confide, and the Officers, in every Troop of Horse and Company of Artillery, shall, in like Manner, chuse some Person in their Troop or Company respectively, whose Names shall be returned, by the said Officers respectively, to the County Treasurers for the Provincial Taxes in their several Counties, which Persons so appointed shall, from Time to Time, collect all Fines incurred by the Associators for Non-Attendance, and shall severally pay the same to the said County Treasurers respectively, first deducting a Commission of 5 *per Cent.* for their Trouble, which said County Treasurers respectively shall pay the same to *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer after deducting a Commission of 1 *per Cent.* for their Trouble; and then the said Monies shall be appropriated in the following Manner: 1st. To the Support and Relief of such poor Associators, as being called out to actual Service, shall be maimed and wounded therein, so as to be in any Respect unable to support themselves or Families. 2d. For the Support and Relief of the Widows and Children of such poor Associators, as being called into actual Service, shall be killed therein. The Surplus of said Monies to be applied as this or any future Assembly shall direct. And the said *Michael Hillegas* shall be allowed, for his Trouble herein, 5*s.* for every £ 100, so received and paid by him. It is directed, that the said Collectors shall account with the Officers, who severally appointed them, as often as such Officers shall require them so to do: and the said Officers shall, in due Time, transmit the Accounts of the said Collectors to the respective County Treasurers for the Provincial Taxes.

Lastly, This House having drawn up the following Articles of Agreement, for all the Associators in the Province, they do earnestly recommend the same to be adopted, signed and agreed to, by all the said Associators, in order that one general System may prevail in *Pennsylvania*.

ARTICLES *of* ASSOCIATION *in* PENNSYLVANIA.

WE the Officers and Soldiers, engaged in the present Association for the Defence of *American* Liberty, being fully sen-

sible, that the Strength and Security of any Body of Men, acting together, consists in just Regularity, due Subordination, and exact Obedience to Command, without which no Individual can have that Confidence, in the Support of those about him, that is so necessary to give Firmness and Resolution to the Whole, do voluntarily and freely, after Consideration of the following Articles, adopt the same as the Rules and Regulations by which we agree and resolve to be governed in all our Military Concerns and Operations, until the same, or any of them, shall be changed or dissolved by the Assembly of this Province, or a happy Reconciliation shall take Place between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies.

1. If any Officer make Use of any profane Oath or Execration when on Duty, he shall forfeit and pay, for each and every such Offence, the Sum of *Five Shillings:* And if a non-commissioned Officer or Soldier be thus guilty of cursing or swearing, he shall forfeit and pay, for each and every such Offence, the Sum of *One Shilling.*

2. Any Officer or Soldier, who shall refuse to obey the lawful Orders of his superior Officer, may be suspended from doing Duty on that Day, and shall, upon being convicted thereof before a Regimental Court of Associators, make such Concessions as said Court shall direct.

3. Any Officer or Soldier who shall begin, excite, cause, join in or promote any Disturbance in the Battalion, Troop or Company to which he belongs, or in any other Battalion, Troop or Company, shall be fined or censured, according to the Nature of the Offence, by the Judgment of a General or Regimental Court of Associators.

4. Any Officer or Soldier who shall strike his superior Officer, or draw or offer to draw, or shall lift up any Weapon, or offer any Violence against him, being in the Execution of his Office, shall, upon a Conviction before a General or Regimental Court of Associators, be dismissed, and shall be deemed thereby disgraced as unworthy the Company of Freemen.

5. Any commanding or other Officer, who shall strike any Associator when on Duty, shall, upon Conviction before a General Court of Associators, suffer such Punishment as the said Court shall inflict.

6. Any Officer or Soldier, who shall make use of insolent, provoking or indecent Language, while on Duty, shall suffer such Censure or Fine as shall be inflicted by a General or Regimental Court of Associators, according to the Nature of the Offence.

7. If any Officer or Soldier shall think himself injured by his Colonel, or the commanding Officer of the Battalion, and shall, upon due Application made to him, be refused Redress, he may complain to the General or Commander in Chief of the *Pennsylvania* Associators, or to the Colonel of any other Battalion, who shall summon a General Court of Associators, that Justice may be done.

8. If any inferior Officer or Soldier shall think himself injured by his Captain, or other superior Officer in the Battalion, Troop or Company to which he belongs, he may complain to the commanding Officer of the Battalion, who shall summon a Regimental Court of Associators for the doing Justice, according to the Nature of the Case.

9. No Officer, non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, shall fail of repairing, with his Arms and Accoutrements, on any of the Days appointed by the Assembly for exercising, to the Place of Parade, or other Rendezvous, appointed by the commanding Officer, if not prevented by Sickness, or some other evident Necessity, of which the commanding Officer of said Battalion shall judge; or shall go from the Place of Parade or Rendezvous, without Leave from the said commanding Officer, before he shall be regularly dismissed, on Penalty of *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence*.

10. Any Officer or Soldier found drunk when under Arms, shall be suspended from doing Duty in the Battalion, Company or Troop on that Day, and be fined or censured at the Discretion of a General or Regimental Court of Associators.

11. Whatever Centinel shall be found sleeping or drunk on his Post, or shall leave it before he is regularly relieved, shall suffer such Penalty or Disgrace as shall be ordered by a Regimental Court of Associators.

12. Whatever commissioned Officer shall be convicted, before a General Court of Associators, of behaving in a scandalous or infamous Manner unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, shall be dismissed from the Association with Disgrace.

13. Every non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, who shall be convicted at a Regimental Court of Associators, of having carelessly lost, wilfully spoiled or wasted, any Ammunition, Arms or Accoutrements, belonging to this Province, shall be dismissed his Battalion, Troop or Company, as an unworthy Member, and be prosecuted as the Law directs.

14. All Disorders and Neglects which Officers or Soldiers may be guilty of, to the Prejudice of the good Order and Military Discipline of the Association of this Colony, are to be

taken Cognizance of by a General or Regimental Court of Associators, according to the Nature and Degree of the Offence, and such Officers or Soldiers shall be fined or censured at the Discretion of the Court.

15. That on the first Meeting of every Company, after subscribing these Articles of Association, and from thence forward on the first Meeting of every Company, after the last *Monday* in *February* annually, there shall be chosen, by the non-commissioned Officers and Privates, out of each Company in the respective Battalions, two Persons who are entitled to vote for Members of Assembly, whose Duty and Office shall be, for the Year following, to sit and join with the Officers in Courts of Association, which Persons so chosen shall be stiled Court-Associators.

16. Every General Court of Associators shall consist of thirteen Members, six of whom shall be commissioned Officers under the Rank of Field-Officer, and six Court-Associators, who shall be drawn by Lot out of the whole Number for the Battalion, and these twelve are to chuse a President, who shall be a Field-Officer, and have a casting Voice.

17. Every Regimental Court of Associators shall be composed of seven Members, three Officers, thee (sic) Court-Associators, and a President, who is to be a Captain, and to be chosen by the six, and also to have a casting Voice.

18. In all Courts of Associators, not less than two Thirds of the Members must agree in every Sentence for inflicting Penalties, or for disgracing any Associator, otherwise he shall be acquitted.

19. The President of each and every Court of Associators, whether General or Regimental, shall require all Witnesses, in order to the Trial of Offenders, to declare on Oath or Affirmation, that the Evidence they shall give, is the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth; and the Members of all Courts of Associators shall take an Oath or Affirmation, which the President is required to administer to the other Members, and the next in Rank is required to administer to him, that they will give Judgement with Impartiality.

20. All non-commissioned Officers, Drummers, Fifers, or others, that shall be employed and receive Pay in any of the Battalions, Companies or Troops, shall subscribe these Rules and Regulations, and be subject to such Fines, to be deducted from their Pay, and to such Penalties, as a Regimental Court of Associators shall think proper, upon being convicted of having transgressed any of these Regulations.

21. All Associators called as Witnesses in any Case before

a Court of Associators, who shall refuse to attend and give Evidence, shall be censured or fined at the Discretion of the Court.

22. No Officer or Soldier, being charged with transgressing these Rules, shall be suffered to do Duty in the Battalion, Company or Troop to which he belongs, until he has had his Trial by a Court of Associators, and every Person so charged shall be tried as soon as a Court of Associators can be conveniently assembled.

23. The Officers and Soldiers of every Company of Artillery, or other Company, Troop or Party, that is or shall be annexed to any Battalion, shall be subject to the Command of the Colonel or commanding Officer of said Battalion, and the Officers shall sit as Members of Courts of Associators, in the same Manner as the Officers of any other Company.

24. No Penalty shall be inflicted, at the Discretion of a Court of Associators, other than degrading, cashiering or fining: The Fines for the Officers not to exceed *Three Pounds*, and the Fine for a non-commissioned Officer or Soldier not to exceed *Twelve Shillings*, for one Fault.

25. The Field-Officers of each and every Battalion shall appoint a Person, in every Company, to receive such Fines as may arise within the same, for Breach of any of these Articles, (except for Non-Attendance) and the commissioned Officers of the Company shall, with the Approbation of the Field-Officers, direct those Fines to be applied to the Relief of the necessitous Soldiers belonging to that Company, and the Overplus, if any, to other necessary Expences of the Company; and such Person shall account with the Field-Officers, as often as required, for all such Fines received, and the Application thereof.

26. The General or Commander in Chief of this Association, for the Time being, shall have full Power of pardoning or mitigating any Censures or Penalties ordered to be inflicted for the Breach of any of these Articles, by any General Court of Associators; and every Offender, convicted as aforesaid by any Regimental Court of Associators, may be pardoned, or have his Penalties mitigated by the Colonel or commanding Officer of the Battalion, excepting only where such Censures or Penalties are directed as Satisfaction for Injuries received by one Officer or Soldier from another.

27. Any Officer, non-commissioned Officer or other Person, who, having subscribed these Articles, shall refuse to make such Concessions, pay such Fines, or, in any other Matter, refuse to comply with the Judgment of any Court of Asso-

ciators, shall be dismissed the Service, and returned to the Commissioners of the County, who shall charge and proceed against him as a Non-Associator, and he shall further be deemed unfriendly to the Liberties of *America*.

28. Upon the Determination of any Point by a Regimental Court of Associators, if the Officer or Soldier concerned on either Side, thinks himself still aggrieved, he may appeal to a General Court of Associators; but, if, upon a second Hearing, the Appeal appears groundless and vexatious, the Person so appealing shall be censured at the Discretion of the said General Court.

29. Upon the Death, Resignation, Promotion or other Removal of a Field-Officer, Standard-Bearer, or Adjutant, the Officers of the Battalion shall chuse a Person in his Place; and upon the Death, Resignation, Promotion or other Removal of an Officer or Court-Associator from a Troop or Company, such Vacancy is to be filled by the Person such Troop or Company shall elect.

30. No Officer or Soldier shall be tried a second time for the same Offence, except in case of Appeal.

31. That when any Officers or Soldiers of the Association, in this Province, shall be called into actual Service by the Assembly, or Committee of Safety in Recess of Assembly, they shall be subject to all the Rules and Articles made by the Assembly, at this Sitting, for regulating and governing the Troops in the Pay of this Province, until they are joined to and in Service with Continental Troops, and then they shall be subject to all the Rules and Articles already made by the Honourable Congress, for the Government of the Continental Troops; provided always, that no Officer or Soldier of the said Association shall, after such Junction, be tried by any Court Martial, unless such Court be wholly composed of Officers of the said Association, if a sufficient Number can be had.

32. No commissioned, non-commissioned Officer or Private, shall withdraw himself from the Company to which he belongs, without a Discharge from the commanding Officer of the Battalion, nor shall such Person be received into any other Company without such Discharge.

In Testimony of our Approbation and Consent to be governed by these Regulations, which have been deliberately read to or carefully perused by us, we have hereunto set our Hands.

RESOLUTIONS *directing the Mode of levying Taxes on* NON-ASSOCIATORS.

1. THE Assessors of the several Townships, Boroughs,

Wards and Districts within this Province, who have not performed the said Service, are required on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *May* next ensuing, to make in Writing and deliver an exact List of the Names and Sirnames of every male white Person capable of bearing Arms, between the Ages of Sixteen and Fifty Years, (Ministers of the Gospel of all Denominations, Schoolmasters in actual Employ, and Servants purchased *bona fide* and for a valuable Consideration, only excepted) residing in such Township, Borough, Ward or District, to the Commissioners of the County chosen by Virtue of the Act for raising of County Rates and Levies.

2. If any Assessor shall neglect or refuse to perform the Duty aforesaid, the Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any two of them, are hereby required and enjoined to fine him in any Sum not exceeding *Ten Pounds*, unless such Assessor's Refusal proceeds from conscientious Motives; and such Fine shall be levied and recovered in the same Manner as is directed by the Laws of this Province for levying and recovering Fines imposed on Assessors refusing or neglecting to perform the Duties therein required of them, to be paid into the Hands of the respective County Treasurers, to be by them delivered to the same Person, and applied to the same Use, as the other Monies directed to be levied by the Resolves of this House, in their present Sitting.

3. The Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any two of them, are hereby required and enjoined to appoint some proper Person to make out the List aforesaid, in the Place of the Assessor so refusing or neglecting, which Person so appointed shall make out and return such List to the Commissioners on or before the First Day of *May* next ensuing.

4. Every Assessor, or Person appointed in his Place as aforesaid, shall, before he begins to make out the Lists aforesaid, take an Oath or Affirmation, which any Magistrate of the County is hereby required and enjoined to administer, without Fee or Reward: *"That he will go to the Place or Places of Abode of all and every Person and Persons residing within his Township, Borough, Ward or District, and make a faithful and diligent Enquiry of, and endeavour by all other lawful Ways and Means in his Power, to procure a true and Exact Account and List of the Names and Sirnames of all male white Persons capable of bearing Arms, who are between the Ages of Sixteen and Fifty Years, residing within his Township, Borough, Ward or District, and will make a Return of such Account or List* (if an Assessor) *to the Commissioners of the County respectively in which he resides, on*

or before the Twenty-fifth Day of May *next ensuing, or* (if a Person appointed in the Place of an Assessor) *on or before the First Day of* June *next ensuing.*"

5. Every Assessor, or other Person appointed and acting in the Place of an Assessor as aforesaid, shall receive, for his Trouble in making out and returning such Lists, the Sum of *Four Shillings* for every Day he shall be employed in that Service.

6. If any Dispute shall arise, concerning the Age of any Non-Associator, the same shall be determined before the Commissioners of the County, or any two of them, by Oath or Affirmation of the Person whose Age is in Question, which Oath or Affirmation the said Commissioners, or any of them, is hereby required to administer, or by any other proper Evidence.

7. The Captains of every Company are required and enjoined, on or before the 15th Day of *June* next ensuing, to deliver under his Hand, to the Colonel of the Battalion to which he belongs, a Copy of the Articles of Association signed by the Associators of his Company, therein mentioning the County and the Township, Borough, Ward, or District, in which each of the said Associators resides, which the Colonel shall carefully keep, and therefrom shall immediately make out and return, on or before the 25th Day of the same Month, a fair Duplicate to the Commissioners aforesaid of the respective Counties in which the said Associators respectively reside.

8. The said Commissioners, or any two of them, are required, on or before the First Day of *July* next ensuing, to meet together, and cause their Clerks to make out fair Lists of the Names and Sirnames of all Persons mentioned in the Duplicates returned to them as aforesaid, with their Places of Abode, who appear by the Duplicates returned by the Colonels not to have signed the Articles of Association; and thereupon the said Commissioners are required to charge every such Person not associating, over and above the Rates and Assessments set upon him by Virtue of the Laws of this Province, the Sum of *Three Pounds Ten Shillings*, on the Lists made out by their Order as aforesaid.

9. If any Apprentice is willing to associate, and his Master or Mistress will not permit him so to do,——or detains him from the Parade, on any of the Days of Exercise herein appointed,——such Master or Mistress shall be liable to the Payment of *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence* for each time he or she shall detain his or her said Apprentice; and, if any

Apprentice of suitable Age shall neglect or refuse to appear, on any of the said Days of Exercise, not being detained by his said Master or Mistress,——such Apprentice, if of Estate, shall, by his Guardian, pay such Penalty.

10. If any Commisioner shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the Duties required of him, by these Resolutions, such Commissioner shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Ten Pounds* for every such Offence, unless such Refusal proceeds from conscientious Motives; such Fine to be recovered, levied and applied in the same Manner, by the same Persons, and for the same Uses as the Fines arising from the Delinquency of the Assessors;—and, in such Case, the Prothonotaries of the several Counties of this Province respectively, or their immediate Deputies, are hereby enjoined, by and with the Concurrence of any two Magistrates of said County, to appoint some suitable and proper Person, in the Place and Stead of such Commissioner so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid,—which Person so appointed shall have the same Power and Authority, and perform the several Duties hereby required of the said Commissioner; or, on Failure thereof, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, to be applied as aforesaid; and the said Prothonotary and Justices shall proceed to appoint another, and so as often as it shall become necessary.

11. If any Person, charged by the Commissioners as a Non-Associator, shall, at the Day of Appeal, produce to the Commissioners a Certificate from the commanding Officer of any Battalion, Troop of Horse, or Company of Artillery, that he has become an Associator in such Battalion, Troop or Company, the Commissioners, or any two of them, shall make an Allowance, in Favour of such Person, of *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence*, for each of the Days of Exercise appointed by this House, after such Person became an Associator, on which he attended his Battalion, Troop or Company, or has been fined for Non-Attendance.

12. If any Person, charged by the Commissioners as a Non-Associator, shall die before the Day of Appeal, or, if before that Day, an Accommodation shall be made between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies on this Continent, and, in Consequence thereof, the Military Association, in this Province, shall be dissolved; in either of those Cases, the Commissioners, or any two of them, shall make an Abatement, in the Assessment charged as aforesaid, of *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence*, for each of the Days of Exercise aforesaid, after the Death of such Non-Associator, or the Dissolution of the Association.

13. If any Non-Associator, or the Parent, Guardian, Master

or Mistress of any Non-Associator, between the Ages of 16 and 21 Years, or any other Non-Associator, shall think him or herself aggrieved by the Assessment aforesaid, he or she may appeal to the Commissioners of the County wherein he or she resides, who, or any two of them, shall meet together on the Tenth Day of *October* next ensuing, and so from Day to Day as long as may be necessary, and at such Place or Places as the Commissioners, or any two of them, shall appoint; of which Days and Places of meeting they shall cause the Collectors to give due Notice to the Inhabitants, and then and there the said Commissioners, or any two of them, shall hear such Appeals as may be made to them, and may discharge such Assessment, or lower the same, as to them, on Consideration of Inability of Person or Estate only, shall appear just and equitable.

14. The said Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any two of them, within ten Days after hearing and determining the Appeals made to them, shall rectify and adjust the Lists returned to them as aforesaid, and the Assessments thereon, and deliver to the Treasurers of the respective Counties a true Account of the Sums total, which every Collector shall be charged with, in Pursuance of these Resolves, and shall cause their Clerks to make out and deliver fair Duplicates thereof to the respective Collectors of the Townships, Boroughs, Wards and Districts within their respective Counties, who shall collect the said Sums, keeping exact and separate Accounts of the Sums so charged on Non-Associators, and shall pay the same into the Hands of the respective County Treasurers, who shall pay the same into the Hands of *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; to be applied to the same Purposes as the Fines and Penalties collected from the Association are limited and directed. And all Persons shall be liable to the Payment of the said Sums, in the same Manner, and the Collectors shall have the same Powers, and shall proceed in collecting and levying the said Sums, and shall be accountable, in the same Manner, as is directed by the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raising County Rates and Levies.*"

15. The Allowances to the Collectors of such Assessments, and to the Treasurers respectively, shall be the same with those appointed and directed in the Collection of Fines from Associators for Non-Attendance.

16. The Treasurers of the respective Counties, before they enter on the Duties hereby required of them, shall give the like Security, for the faithful Discharge of their Office, to the Commissioners of their several Counties, that they are now

obliged, by the Laws of this Province, to give for the due Payment of Provincial Taxes.

17. All and every Person and Persons, who are required or enjoined by these Resolutions, or any of them, to discharge or perform any of the Offices or Duties herein before-mentioned, are hereby further earnestly and solemnly required and enjoined, with all Diligence and Fidelity, strenuously to exert themselves in discharging and performing such Offices and Duties, and every Part thereof, as they regard the Freedom, Security and Happiness of their Country.

Whereas a Number of spirited *Germans* and other Foreigners, not entitled to the Privileges of Freemen of this Province, have chearfully associated in its Defence, and shewn a Readiness to expose their Lives therefor, if necessary,—*Resolved* therefore, that every such Person producing a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal of the commanding Officer of any Battalion, in the Military Association of this Province, signifying that such Person has signed the Articles of the Association and served pursuant thereto, and, in Case of an Invasion or Alarm, has, upon his own Account, gone forth into actual Service,—such Person shall be and is hereby recommended to the special Notice and Encouragement of this and any future Assembly, in order to his being put in the same Condition, and entitled to the same Rights and Privileges, as natural-born Subjects within this Province now are.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Safety procure a sufficient Number of complete Copies of the "*Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Association in* Pennsylvania," "*The Articles of the said Association*," and the "*Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in* Pennsylvania," as amended at this Sitting, to be immediately printed in the *English* and *German* Languages, and transmitted to the commanding Officers of the several Battalions, and to the Commissioners of the several Counties in this Province.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue Part of an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled, "An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and, "*for making further Provisions for the better executing the said Act,*" with some Amendments to the same, which

being read and admitted by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Committee appointed last Night to bring in a Draught of Rules and Articles for the Troops in Pay of this Province, agreeable to the Alterations directed by the House, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read and agreed to, the same was transcribed by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

RULES *and* ARTICLES *for the Government of the* PENNSYLVANIA FORCES.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of this Province are under an indispensable Necessity of raising an armed Force for their immediate Security and Protection, and to repel any hostile Attacks which may be made upon them; for the due regulating and governing whereof,

Resolved, That the following Rules and Articles be attended to, obeyed and observed by such Troops as are or may be raised and in the Pay of this Province.

Art. 1. It is earnestly recommended to all Officers and Soldiers diligently to attend Divine Service; and all Officers and Soldiers, who shall behave indecently or irreverently at any Place of Divine Worship, shall, if commissioned Officers, be brought before a Court Martial, there to be publicly and severely reprimanded by the President; if non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers, every Person so offending shall, for his first Offence, forfeit One Sixth of a Dollar, to be deducted out of his next Pay; for the second Offence, he shall not only forfeit a like Sum, but be confined Twenty-four Hours; and, for every like Offence, shall suffer and pay in like Manner, which Money so forfeited shall be applied to the Use of the sick Soldiers of the Troop or Company to which the Offender belongs.

Art. 2. Whatsoever non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall use any profane Oath or Execration, shall incur the Penalties expressed in the foregoing Article; and, if a commissioned Officer be thus guilty of profane Cursing or Swearing, he shall forfeit and pay, for each and every such Offence, the Sum of *Four Shillings* lawful Money.

Art. 3. Any Officer or Soldier, who shall behave himself with Contempt or Disrespect towards the Commander in Chief of the said Forces, or shall speak false Words tending to his, or their Hurt, or Dishonour, shall be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Judgment of a General Court Martial.

Art. 4. Any Officer or Soldier who shall begin, excite, cause or join in any Mutiny or Sedition in the Regiment, Troop or Company to which he belongs, or in any other Regiment, Troop or Company of the said Forces, either by Land or Sea, or in any Party, Post, Detachment, or Guard, on any Pretence whatsoever, shall suffer Death or such other Punishment as a General Court Martial shall direct.

Art. 5. Any Officer, non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, who, being present at any Mutiny or Sedition, does not use his utmost Endeavours to suppress the same, or, coming to the Knowledge of any Mutiny, or intended Mutiny, does not, without Delay, give Information thereof to the commanding Officer, shall be punished by Order of a General Court Martial, according to the Nature of his Offence.

Art. 6. Any Officer or Soldier, who shall strike his superior Officer, or draw, or offer to draw, or shall lift up any Weapon, or offer any Violence against him, being in the Execution of his Office, or any Pretence whatsoever, or shall disobey any lawful Commands of his superior Officer, shall suffer such Punishment as shall, according to the Nature of his Offence, be ordered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

Art. 7. Any non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, who shall desert, or, without Leave of his commanding Officer, absent himself from the Troop or Company to which he belongs, or from any Detachment of the same, shall, upon being convicted thereof, be punished, according to the Nature of his Offence, at the Discretion of a General Court Martial.

Art. 8. Whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall be convicted of having advised or persuaded any other Officer or Soldier to desert, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

Art. 9. Any Officer or Soldier who shall desert to the Enemy, and afterwards be taken, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as a General Court Martial shall direct.

Art. 10. All Officers, of what Condition soever, shall have Power to part and quell all Quarrels, Frays and Disorders, though the Persons concerned should belong to another Regiment, Troop or Company, and either order Officers to be arrested, or non-commissioned Officers or Soliders to be confined and imprisoned, till their proper superior Officers shall be acquainted therewith; and whoever shall refuse to obey such Officer, (though of an inferior Rank) or shall draw his Sword upon him, shall be punished at the Discretion of a General Court Martial.

Art. 11. No Officer or Soldier shall use any reproachful or provoking Speeches or Gestures to another, nor shall presume

to send a Challenge to any Person to fight a Duel: And whoever shall knowingly or willingly suffer any Person to go forth to fight a Duel, or shall second, promote, or carry any Challenge, shall be deemed as a Principal: And whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall upbraid another for refusing a Challenge, shall also be considered as a Challenger: And all such Offenders, in any of these, or such like Cases, shall be punished at the Discretion of a General Court Martial.

Art. 12. Every Officer commanding in Quarters, or on a March, shall keep good Order, and, to the utmost of his Power, redress all such Abuses or Disorders, as may be committed by any Officer or Soldier under his Command: If, upon any Complaint being made to him of Officers or Soldiers beating, or otherwise ill treating any Person, or of committing any Kind of Riot, to the disquieting of the Inhabitants of this Continent, he the said Commander, who shall refuse or omit to see Justice done on the Offender or Offenders, and Reparation made to the Party or Parties injured, as far as the Offenders Wages shall enable him or them, shall, upon due Proof thereof, be punished as ordered by a General Court Martial, in such Manner as if he himself had committed the Crimes or Disorders complained of.

Art. 13. If any Officer shall think himself wronged by his Colonel or the commanding Officer of the Regiment, and shall, upon due Application made to him, be refused to be redressed, he may complain to the Commander in Chief of the said Forces, in order to obtain Justice, who is hereby required to examine into said Complaint, and see that Justice be done.

Art. 14. If any inferior Officer or Soldier shall think himself wronged by his Captain, or other Officer commanding the Troop or Company to which he belongs, he is to complain thereof to the commanding Officer of the Regiment, who is hereby required to summon a Regimental Court Martial, for the doing Justice to the Complainant, from which Regimental Court Martial, either party may, if he thinks himself still aggrieved, appeal to a General Court Martial; but if, upon a second Hearing, the Appeal shall appear to be vexatious and groundless, the Person so appealing shall be punished at the Discretion of the General Court Martial.

Art 15. All public Stores taken in the Enemy's Camp or Magazines, whether of Artillery, Ammunition, Cloathing or Provisions, shall be secured for the Use of this Province. And all commissioned Officers found guilty by a General Court Martial of embezzling the same, or any of them, shall forfeit all his Pay, be *ipso facto* cashiered, and deemed unfit

for further Service as an Officer. And all non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, convicted before a Regimental Court Martial of stealing or embezzling the same, if a non-commissioned Officer, shall be reduced to the Ranks, and punished with Whipping, not less than Fifteen nor more than Thirty-nine Lashes, at the Discretion of the Court Martial; if a private Soldier, with the same Punishment.

Art. 16. Whatsoever non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall be convicted, at a Regimental Court Martial, of having sold, or designedly, or through Neglect, wasted the Ammunition, Arms or Provisions, or other Military Stores, delivered out to him, to be employed in the Service of this Province, shall, if an Officer, be reduced to a private Centinel; and, if a private Soldier, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by a Regimental Court Martial.

Art. 17. All commissioned Officers, found guilty by a General Court Martial of any Fraud or Embezzlement, shall forfeit all his Pay, be *ipso facto* cashiered, and deemed unfit for further Service as an Officer.

Art. 18. All non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, convicted before a Regimental Court Martial of stealing, embezzling or destroying Ammunition, Provisions, Tools or any Thing belonging to the public Stores, if a non-commissioned Officer, to be reduced to the Ranks and punished with Whipping, not less than Fifteen nor more than Thirty-nine Lashes, at the Discretion of the Court Martial; if a private Soldier, with the same corporal Punishment.

Art. 19. All non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, who shall be found one Mile from the Camp, without Leave in Writing from their commanding Officer, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be inflicted, on him or them, by the Sentence of a Regimental Court Martial.

Art. 20. Every non-commissioned Officer and Soldier shall retire to his Quarters or Tent, at the Beating of the Retreat; in Default of which, he shall be punished, according to the Nature of his Offence, by Order of the commanding Officer.

Art. 21 No Officer or Soldier shall lie out of his Quarters or Camp, without Leave from the commanding Officer of the Regiment, upon Penalty, if an Officer, of being mulcted one Month's Pay for the first Offence, and cashiered for the second; if a non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, of being confined seven Days on Bread and Water for the first Offence, and the same Punishment and a Forfeiture of a Week's Pay for the second.

Art. 22. No Officer, non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, shall fail of repairing, at the Time fixed, to the Place of

Parade or Exercise, or other Rendezvous appointed by the commanding Officer, if not prevented by Sickness, or some other evident Necessity, or shall go from the said Place of Rendezvous, or from his Guard, without Leave from his commanding Officer, before he shall be regularly dismissed or relieved, on Penalty of being punished, according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Sentence of a Regimental Court Martial.

Art. 23. Whatsoever commissioned Officer shall be found drunk on his Guard, Party, or other Duty under Arms, shall be cashiered with Infamy; any non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, so offending, shall be sentenced to be whipped, not less than Twenty nor more than Thirty-nine Lashes, according to the Nature of the Offence.

Art. 24. Whatsoever Officer or Soldier, placed as a Centinel, shall be found sleeping upon his Post, or shall leave it before he shall be regularly relieved, if a commissioned Officer, shall be cashiered with Infamy; if a non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, shall be sentenced to be whipped, not less than Twenty nor more than Thirty-nine Lashes, according to the Nature of the Offence.

Art. 25. Any Person belonging to the said Troops, who, by discharging of Fire-Arms, beating of Drums, or by any other Means whatsoever, shall occasion false Alarms in Camp or Quarters, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

Art. 26. Any Officer or Soldier, who without urgent Necessity, or without Leave of his superior Officer, shall quit his Platoon or Division, shall be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Sentence of a Regimental Court Martial.

Art. 27. If any Officer or Soldier shall leave his Post or Colours, in Time of an Engagement, to go in Search of Plunder, he shall, if a commissioned Officer, be cashiered with Infamy, and forfeit all Share of Plunder; if a non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, be whipped, not less than Twenty nor more than Thirty-nine Lashes, according to the Nature of the Offence, and forfeit all Share of Plunder taken from the Enemy.

Art. 28. No Officer or Soldier shall do Violence, or offer any Insult, or Abuse, to any Person who shall bring Provisions, or other Necessaries, to the Camp, or Quarters of the Forces of this Province; any Officer or Soldier so offending shall, upon Complaint being made to the commanding Officer, suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by a Regimental Court Martial.

Art. 29. Whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall misbehave himself before the Enemy, or shamefully abandon any Post committed to his Charge, or shall speak Words inducing others to do the like, shall suffer Death immediately.

Art. 30. In all Cases where a commissioned Officer is cashiered for Cowardice or Fraud, it be added in the Punishment, that the Crime, Name and Place of Abode, and Punishment of the Delinquent be published in the News-Papers of this Province. After which it shall be deemed scandalous in any Officer to associate with him.

Art. 31. Any Person belonging to the said Troops, who shall make known the Watchword to any Person who is not intitled to receive it, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, or shall presume to give a Parole, or Watchword, different from what he received, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

Art. 32. All Persons convicted of holding a treacherous Correspondence with, or giving Intelligence to the Enemy, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as a General Court Martial shall think proper.

Art. 33. Whosoever, belonging to the Troops of this Province, shall relieve the Enemy with Money, Victuals, or Ammunition, or shall knowingly harbour or protect an Enemy, shall suffer such Punishment as by a General Court Martial shall be ordered.

Art. 34. If any Commander of any Post, Intrenchment, or Fortress, shall be compelled, by the Officers or Soldiers under his Command, to give it up to the Enemy, or to abandon it, the commissioned Officer, non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers, who shall be convicted of having so offended, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as may be inflicted upon them by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

Art. 35. All Officers and Soldiers who shall wilfully, or through Negligence, disobey any general or special Orders, shall be punished at the Discretion of a Regimental Court Martial, where the Offence is against a Regimental Order, and at the discretion of a General Court Martial, where the offence is against an Order given from the Commander in Chief, or the Commander of any Detachment or Post, and such General Court Martial can be had.

Art 36. All Sutlers and Retailers to a Camp, and all Persons whatsoever, serving with the said Troops in the Field, though not inlisted Soldiers, are to be subject to these Articles, Rules and Regulations.

Art. 37. No General Court Martial shall consist of a less Number than Thirteen, none of which shall be under the Degree of a commissioned Officer, and the President shall be a Field-Officer: And the President of each and every Court Martial, whether General or Regimental, shall have Power to administer an Oath to every Witness, in order to the Trial of Offenders. And the Members of all Courts Martial shall be duly sworn by the President; and the next in Rank on the Court Martial shall administer the Oath to the President.

Art. 38. The Members, both of General and Regimental Courts Martial, shall, when belonging to different Corps, take the same Rank which they hold in the Army; but, when Courts Martial shall be composed of Officers of one Corps, they shall take their Ranks according to their Commissions by which they are mustered in the said Corps.

Art. 39. All the Members of a Court Martial are to behave with Calmness, Decency and Impartiality; and, in giving of their Votes, are to begin with the youngest or lowest in Commission.

Art. 40. No Field-Officer shall be tried by any Person under the Degree of a Captain; nor shall any Proceedings or Trials be carried on, excepting between the Hours of Eight in the Morning and Three in the Afternoon; except in Cases which require an immediate Example.

Art. 41. The commissioned Officers of every Regiment may, by the Appointment of their Colonel or commanding Officer, hold Regimental Courts Martial for the enquiring into such Disputes or criminal Matters as may come before them, and for the inflicting corporal Punishments for small Offences, and shall give Judgment by the Majority of Voices; but no Sentence shall be executed till the commanding Officer (not being a Member of the Court Martial) shall have confirmed the same.

Art. 42. No Regimental Court Martial shall consist of less than Five Officers, excepting in Cases where the Number cannot be conveniently assembled, when Three may be sufficient, who are likewise to determine upon the Sentence by the Majority of Voices, which Sentence is to be confirmed by the commanding Officer, not being a Member of the Court Martial.

Art. 43. Every Officer commanding in any Fort, Castle, Barrack, or elsewhere, where the Corps under his Command consists of Detachments from different Regiments, or of independant Companies, may assemble Courts Martial for the Trial of Offenders, in the same Manner as if they were Regimental, whose Sentence is not to be executed till it shall be confirmed by the commanding Officer.

Art. 44. No Person whatsoever shall use menacing Words, Signs or Gestures, in the Presence of a Court Martial then sitting, or shall cause any Disorder or Riot, so as to disturb their Proceedings, on the Penalty of being punished at the Discretion of the said Court Martial.

Art. 45. To the End that Offenders may be brought to Justice, whenever any Officer or Soldier shall commit a Crime deserving Punishment, he shall by his commanding Officer, if an Officer, be put in Arrest; if a non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, be imprisoned till he shall be either tried by a Court Martial, or shall be lawfully discharged by proper Authority.

Art. 46. No Officer or Soldier who shall be put in Arrest, or Imprisonment, shall continue in his Confinement more than Eight Days, or till such Time as a Court Martial can be conveniently assembled.

Art. 47. No Officer commanding a Guard, or Provost Marshal, shall refuse to receive or keep any Prisoner committed to his Charge, by an Officer belonging to the said Forces; which Officer shall at the same Time deliver an Account in Writing, signed by himself, of the Crime with which the said Prisoner is charged.

Art 48. No Officer commanding a Guard, or Provost Marshal, shall presume to release any Prisoner committed to his Charge, without proper Authority for so doing; nor shall he suffer any Prisoner to escape, on the Penalty of being punished for it, by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

Art. 49. Every Officer or Provost Marshal, to whose Charge Prisoners shall be committed, is hereby required, within twenty-four Hours after such Commitment, or as soon as he shall be relieved from his Guard, to give in Writing to the Colonel of the Regiment, to whom the Prisoner belongs, (where the Prisoner is confined upon the Guard belonging to the said Regiment, and that his Offence only relates to the Neglect of Duty in his own Corps) or to the Commander in Chief, their Names, Crimes, and the Names of the Officers who committed them, on the Penalty of being punished for his Disobedience or Neglect, at the Discretion of a General Court Martial.

Art. 50. And if any Officer under an Arrest shall leave his Confinement before he is set at Liberty by the Officer who confined him, or by a superior Power, he shall be cashiered for it.

Art. 51. Whatsoever commissioned Officer shall be convicted before a General Court Martial, of behaving in a scan-

dalous, infamous Manner, such as is unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, shall be discharged from the Service.

Art. 52. All Officers, Conductors, Gunners, Matrosses, Drivers, or any other Persons whatsoever, receiving Pay or Hire, in the Service of the Artillery of this Province, shall be governed by the aforesaid Rules and Articles, and shall be subject to be tried by Courts Martial, in like Manner with the Officers and Soldiers of the Provincial Troops.

Art. 53. For Differences arising amongst themselves, or in Matters relating solely to their own Corps, the Courts Martial may be composed of their own Officers; but where a sufficient Number of such Officers cannot be assembled, or in Matters wherein other Corps are interested, the Officers of Artillery shall sit in Courts Martial, with the Officers of the other Corps.

Art. 54. All Crimes not capital, and all Disorders and Neglects, which Officers and Soldiers may be guilty of, to the Prejudice of good Order and Military Discipline, though not mentioned in the Articles of War, are to be taken Cognizance of by a General or Regimental Court Martial, according to the Nature and Degree of the Offence, and be punished at their Discretion.

Art. 55. That no Persons shall be sentenced by a Court Martial to suffer Death, except in the Cases expressly mentioned in the foregoing Articles, nor shall any Punishment be inflicted at the Discretion of a Court Martial, other than degrading, cashiering, drumming out of the Army, whipping not exceeding Thirty-nine Lashes, Fine not exceeding Two Months Pay of the Offender; Imprisonment, not exceeding One Month.

Art. 56. The Field-Officers of each and every Regiment are to appoint some suitable Person belonging to such Regiment, to receive all such Fines as may arise within the same, for any Breach of any of the foregoing Articles, and shall direct the same to be carefully and properly applied to the Relief of such sick, wounded or necessitous Soldiers, as belong to such Regiment; and such Person shall account with such Officer for all Fines received, and the Application thereof.

Art. 57. All Members sitting in Courts Martial shall be sworn or affirmed by the President of said Courts, which President shall himself be sworn or affirmed by the Officer in said Court next in Rank.—The Oath or Affirmation to be administered previous to their proceeding to the Trial of any Offender, in Form following, *viz.*

"You *A. B.* do swear or affirm, that you will well and truly try, and impartially determine, the Cause of the Prisoner now to be tried, according to the Rules for regulating the Troops of this Province."

Art. 58. All Persons called to give Evidence, in any Case, before a Court Martial, who shall refuse to give Evidence, shall be punished for such Refusal, at the Discretion of such Court Martial: The Oath or Affirmation to be administered in the following Form, *viz.*

"You swear (or affirm) the Evidence you shall give, in the Case now in hearing, shall be the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth."

Art. 59. Every Officer commanding a Regiment, Troop or Company, shall, upon Notice given to him by the Commissary of the Musters, or from one of his Deputies, assemble the Regiment, Troop or Company under his Command, in the next convenient Place for their being mustered, on Penalty of his being cashiered, and mulcted of his Pay.

Art. 60. Every Colonel or other Field-Officer, or Officer commanding any Corps to which there is no Field-Officer, and actually residing with it, may give Furloughs to non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, in such Numbers, and for so long a Time, as he shall judge to be most consistent with the Good of the Service; but no non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall, by Leave of his Captain, or inferior Officer, commanding the Troop or Company, (his Field-Officer not being present) be absent above Twenty Days in Six Months, nor shall more than two private Men be absent at the same Time from their Troop or Company, excepting some extraordinary Occasion shall require it; of which Occasion the Field-Officer present with, and commanding the Regiment or independant Corps, is to be Judge.

Art. 61. At every Muster the commanding Officer of each Regiment, Troop or Company there present, shall give to the Muster-Master Certificates, signed by himself, signifying how long such Officers, non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, who shall not appear at the said Muster, have been absent, and the Reason of their Absence; which Reasons, and the Time of Absence, shall be inserted in the Muster-Rolls opposite to the Names of such Absentees: And the Surgeons, or their Mates, shall, at the same Time, give to the Muster-Master a Certificate signed by them, signifying the State of Health or Sickness of those under their Care; and the said Certificates shall, together with the Muster-Rolls, be, by the said Muster-Master, transmitted to the Commander in

Chief of said Troops, and to this or any future Assembly, or, in their Recess, to the Committee of Safety, at least once a Month; on Failure whereof the Muster-Master, so offending, shall be discharged from the Service.

Art. 62. Every Officer who shall be convicted, before a General Court Martial, of having signed a false Certificate relating to the Absence of either Officer, non-commissioned Officer or private Soldier, and every Surgeon or Mate, convicted of signing a false Certificate relating to the Health or Sickness of those under his Care, shall be cashiered.

Art. 63. Every Officer, who shall knowingly make a false Muster of Man or Horse, and every Officer or Commissary, who shall willingly sign, direct, or allow the signing of the Muster-Rolls, wherein such false Muster is contained, shall, upon Proof made thereof, by two Witnesses, before a General Court Martial, be cashiered, and moreover forfeit all such Pay as may be due to him at the Time of Conviction of such Offence.

Art. 64. Any Commissary, who shall be convicted of having taken any Gift or Gratuity, on the mustering any Regiment, Troop or Company, or on the signing the Muster-Rolls, shall be displaced from his Office, and forfeit his Pay, as in the preceding Article.

Art. 65. Any Officer, who shall presume to muster any Person as a Soldier, who is at other Times accustomed to wear a Livery, or who does not actually do his Duty as a Soldier, shall be deemed guilty of having made a false Muster, and shall suffer accordingly.

Art. 66. Every Officer, who shall knowingly make a false Return to the Commander in Chief of said Forces, or to any superior Officer, authorized to call for such Returns, of the State of the Regiment, Troop, independant Company, or Garrison, under his Command, or of Arms, Ammunition, Cloathing, or other Stores thereunto belonging, shall, by a Court Martial, be cashiered.

Art. 67. The commanding Officer of every Regiment, Troop, independant Company, or Garrison in the Service aforesaid, shall, in the Beginning of every Month, remit to the Commander in Chief of said Forces an exact Return of the State of the Regiment, Troop, independant Company, or Garrison under his Command, specifying the Names of the Officers not then residing at their Posts, and the Reason for and Time of their Absence. Whoever shall be convicted of having, through Neglect or Design, omitted sending such Returns, shall be punished, according to the Nature of his Crime, by the Judgment of a General Court Martial.

Art. 68. No Sutler shall be permitted to sell any Kind of Liquors or Victuals, or to keep their Houses or Shops open, for the Entertainment of Soldiers, after Nine at Night, or before the Beating of the Reveilles, or upon Sundays during Divine Service or Sermon, on the Penalty of being dismissed from all future Sutling.

Art. 69. All Officers commanding in the Camp, or in any Forts, Barracks, or Garrisons, are hereby required to see that the Persons permitted to suttle shall supply the Soldiers with good and wholesome Provisions, at a reasonable Price, as they shall be answerable for their Neglect.

Art. 70. No Officers commanding in any Camp, Garrisons, forts, or Barracks, shall either themselves exact exorbitant Prices for Houses or Stalls let out to Sutlers, or shall connive at the like Exactions in others, nor lay any Duty or Impositions upon, or be interested in the Sale of such Victuals, Liquors, or other Necessaries of Life, which are brought into the Camp, Garrison, Fort, or Barracks, for the Use of the Soldiers, on the Penalty of being discharged from the Service.

Art. 71. That the Commander in Chief of said Troops, for the Time being, shall have full Power of pardoning, or mitigating any of the Punishments ordered to be inflicted for any of the Offences mentioned in the foregoing Articles; and every Offender convicted as aforesaid, by any Regimental Court Martial, may be pardoned, or have his Punishment mitigated by the Officer commanding the Regiment.

Art. 72. When any commissioned Officer shall happen to die, or be killed in the Service of this Province, the Major of the Regiment, or the Officer doing the Major's Duty in his Absence, shall immediately secure all his Effects or Equipage then in Camp or Quarters; and shall, before the next Regimental Court Martial, make an Inventory thereof, and forthwith transmit the same to the Clerk of the Assembly of this Province, to the End that his Executors or Administrators may, after Payment of his Debts in Quarters, and Interment, receive the Overplus, if any be, to his or their Use.

Art. 73. When any non-commissioned Officer, or private Soldier, shall happen to die, or be killed in the Service of this Province, the then commanding Officer of the Troop or Company shall, in the Presence of two other commissioned Officers, take an Account of whatever Effects he dies possessed of, and transmit the same, as in the Case above provided for, in order that the same may be secured for and paid to their respective Representatives.

Art. 74. All Officers and Soldiers of every Battalion, Troop or Company, in the Forces raised in this Province, when joined to and in Service with the Continental Troops, shall be subject to the Rules and Articles made by the Honourable Congress for the Government of said Troops.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That every Officer, in the Troops now raising for the Service of this Province, shall, at the Time he shall receive his Commission, before some Justice of the Peace, take an Oath or Affirmation, in the following Words, *to wit:*

I *A. B.* hereby subjecting myself to such Rules and Articles as are or shall be made or directed by the Assembly of *Pennsylvania*, for regulating and governing the Troops ordered to be raised by them, do solemnly that I will well and truly execute the Office mentioned in my Commission, according to the best of my Ability: That I will faithfully obey the present and any Assembly of this Colony, and, in their Recess, any Committee of Safety by them appointed for the Time being, and, in Pursuance of their Direction and Command, such Officers as are or shall be placed in Authority over me: That I will, to the utmost of my Power, defend the Rights and Liberties of this Province, and of *America* in general, and will oppose and resist any Force or Enemies that shall act or be employed against them; and that I will disband and lay down my Arms, whenever I shall be ordered so to do by the Assembly of this Colony, or, in their Recess, by such Committee of Safety. So help me God.

A Certificate whereof shall be endorsed, on the Commissions of the said Officers, by the Magistrates administering the same.

Resolved, That every Officer already appointed, commissioned and in the Pay of this Province, shall, on or before the First Day of *May* next, take the Oath or Affirmation aforesaid; a Certificate of which shall be endorsed and certified on the Back of the Commission of such Officer.

Resolved, That any Officer, neglecting or refusing to take the said Oath or Affirmation, shall be *ipso facto* cashiered.

Resolved, That the Justices of the Peace, to whom Application shall be made to administer the Oaths or Affirmations to Officers and Soldiers, in the Service of this Province, shall administer and certify the same without Fee or Reward.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of Messrs. *Owen Biddle* and *Benjamin Rush* was again read, and after some Debate, referred to the Committee of Accounts.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Judd, John Onions, Michael Jordan *and* William Sanders, *Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," "*An Act for the Relief of* Alexander Stewart, *a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Andrew Hershey, *in and to certain Lands, in the Township of* Donegal, *in the County of* Lancaster," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared.

Resolved, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rittenhouse* and Mr. *Grubb* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That a Ration for the *Pennsylvania* Forces shall consist of one Pound of Beef, or three Quarters of a Pound of Pork, or one Pound of Mutton *per* Man *per* Day——One Pound of Flour or Bread *per* Man *per* Day——Three Pints of Pease or Beans, at *Six Shillings per* Bushel, *per* Man *Per* Week, or Vegetables equivalent thereto—Half a Pint of Rice, or one Pound of *Indian* Meal *per* Man *per* Week—One Pint of Milk *per* Man *per* Day—One Quart of small Beer *per* Man *per* Day, or nine Gallons of Molasses for one Hundred Men *per* Week—One Gill of Vinegar *per* Man *per* Week—— Three Pounds of Candles for one Hundred Men *per* Week, for Guards—Twenty-four Pounds of soft or eight Pounds of hard Soap for one Hundred Men *per* Week.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That *George Ross*, Esq; of the County of *Lancaster*, be and he is hereby appointed Judge of the Court of Admiralty lately instituted in this Province, pursuant to the Recommendation of the Honourable Continental Congress.

Resolved, That the Marshal of the said Court of Admiralty, directed to be appointed by the Committee of Safety, shall receive his Commission from the Speaker of this House.

The Committee appointed to enquire who first introduced in this Province the Spinning Machine claimed by *Christopher Tully* and *Joseph Hague*, reported, "that, upon Examination, they find the said Machine was made and used in this Province by both the Persons above named, nearly at the same Time, but unknown to each other; and that the Committee think they are therefore alike deserving of Reward from the Public, the Machine being really useful, as it dispatches Business much faster than the common Spinning Wheel."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

April 6, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Governor by Mr. Secretary returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Andrew Hershey, *in and to certain Lands, in the Township of* Donegal, *in the County of* Lancaster," "*An Act for the Relief of* William Judd, John Onions, Michael Jordan *and* William Sanders, *Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Alexander Stewart, *a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

The Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to suspend the carrying into Execution the Orders of the Governor and Council, for opening a certain Road in this Province*," with some Amendments, which were read and considered, and an Answer to the same being prepared at the Table, proposing an Addition to one of the said Amendments,

Ordered, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Jacobs* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and deliver the Answer of the House to his Amendments.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the said Bill and informed the House that he agreed to their proposed Addition to his Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on his Honour and acquaint him the House incline to adjourn to the Twentieth Day of *May* next, if he has no Objection thereto, and request he will be pleased to appoint some Members of Council to compare the engrossed Bills with their Originals, and let the House know at what Hour To-day they shall attend him to enact the said Bills into Laws.

The House then resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to essay a Draught of Resolutions directing the Mode of disarming disaffected Persons, and procuring the Arms of Non-Associators in this Province, which being gone through, and, after some Alterations, agreed to, was transcribed by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

Whereas the Honourable the Continental Congress did lately recommend to the several Assemblies, Conventions, Councils and Committees of Safety of the several United Colonies, to cause all Persons to be disarmed, within their respective Colonies, who are notoriously disaffed (sic) to the

Cause of *America*, or who have not associated, and refuse to associate, for the Defence of these Colonies, by Arms, against the hostile Attempts of the *British* Fleets and Armies, and such Arms, having been duly appraised, to be applied to the arming the Continental Troops raised in this Colony, the Troops raised in its own special Defence, and the Residue for the Use of the Associators; the said Appraisement to be paid by the Congress, Assemblies, Conventions and Committees of Safety respectively, as the said Arms should be appropriated: And, by a further Resolve, it was declared, that the Appraisement of the Arms of disaffected Persons, so taken as above, should not be paid, unless for such Arms as were fit for the Use of the Troops, or could be conveniently made so, but that all defective Arms should be safely kept by the Assemblies, Conventions, Councils and Committees of Safety, to be delivered to the Owners when the Congress should direct.

The House taking into Consideration the said Recommendations, and the very great Difficulty of procuring Arms to put into the Hands of Continental and Provincial Troops, and the Associators within this Province, for the Defence of the Liberties of *America:* Therefore,

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended by this House to all well-affected Non-Associators, who are possessed of good Arms, to deliver them to the Collectors hereafter directed to be chosen, as they regard the Freedom, Safety and Prosperity of their Country.

Resolved, That the Freeholders and Freemen of every Township, Borough, Ward and District, within this Province, qualified to vote for Members of Assembly, shall respectively meet together, at some convenient Place, within their several Townships, Boroughs, Wards and Districts, on the Twenty-fifth Day of this Month, and then and there chuse by Ballot three Persons for Collectors of Arms; which Persons so chosen shall meet the Persons chosen by the next two adjoining Townships, Boroughs, Wards or Districts; and the said Persons, or a Majority of them, shall collect and receive all such Arms of Non-Associators as are fit for Use, or can be conveniently made so, within their respective Townships, Boroughs, Wards and Districts, and shall appraise or cause the said Arms to be appraised, according to the true and real Value, which they shall pay to the Owners, and then shall deposite the said Arms in some dry, safe and convenient Place, in the several Townships, Boroughs, Wards and Districts, subject to the Orders of Assembly, or, in their Recess, of the Committee of Safety.

Resolved, That the said Persons so chosen, or a Majority of them, shall disarm all disaffected Persons before described, and shall appraise, or cause the Arms taken from them to be appraised as aforesaid, and shall pay to the Owners the Value of such Arms as are fit for Use, or that can be conveniently made so, depositing all the Arms in the Manner before-mentioned.

Resolved, That if any Townships, Boroughs, Wards or Districts, shall neglect or refuse to chuse such Persons as aforesaid, or if the Persons so chosen shall neglect or refuse to perform the Duties hereby required of them; in such Case the Committee of Inspection and Observation, in each County respectively, shall immediately proceed to carry the foregoing Recommendation of Congress effectually into Execution.

Resolved, That the Persons so chosen shall immediately make Returns of all Arms fit for Use, or that can conveniently be made so, which they shall take, collect or receive, with the Value thereof, to the Assembly, or, in their Recess, to the Committee of Safety, who may draw Orders, for the Amount thereof, in Favour of such Persons, on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer, who is hereby required to pay the same out of the Monies directed to be emitted by this House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Objection to the Adjournment proposed by the House; that he would appoint some Members of Council to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills, and be at the Council-Chamber, at Five o'Clock this Afternoon, to enact the said Bills into Laws.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Reed* join with the Gentlemen of the Council in collating the engrossed Bills, and see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills after they are enacted into Laws and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

The House then taking into Consideration the Governor's Support for the current Year,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *John Penn*, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, towards his Support for the current Year.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, the same was signed by the Speaker, to be presented to his Honour when the House shall attend him with the Bills.

The Members appointed to compare the engrossed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the same according to Order, and found them to agree.

A MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary.*

"SIR,

"The Governor is at the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the Speaker and the House to enact into Laws the several Bills that have received his Assent."

Mr. Speaker then with the whole House waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on his Honour, and presented several Bills respectively entituled, "*An Act to continue Part of an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled, "An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and, "*for making further Provisions for the better executing the said Act*;—"*An Act to make perpetual an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Poor*;"—"*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill;"—"*An Act to suspend the carrying into Execution the Orders of the Governor and Council, for opening a certain Road in this Province*;"—"*An Act for the Relief of* William Judd, John Onions, Michael Jordan *and* William Sanders, *Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*;—"*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Andrew Hershey, *in and to certain Lands, in the Township of* Donegal, *in the County of* Lancaster;"—and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Alexander Stewart, *a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*;" to which several Bills the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that he had then, in Behalf of the House, presented their Certificate for *Five Hundred Pounds* to his Honour, who was pleased to say he was obliged to the House.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That an Agent be appointed to provide necessary Cloathing and Accoutrements for the Troops ordered to be raised for the Service of this Province; the Expence to be

deducted out of the Pay of such Troops;—that such Agent be allowed Two and an Half *per Cent.* for his Trouble, and that he make no other Profit or Emolument whatever by Contracts with the Tradesmen he may employ, or in any other Manner whatsoever.

Resolved, That *Matthias Slough*, of *Lancaster*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed, Agent for the Purpose aforesaid.

Resolved, That the said Agent supply every Private, in the Pay of this Province, with a good Blanket, at the Expence of the Province.

Resolved, That the Committee of Safety may draw Orders on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer, in Favour of the said *Matthias Slough*, for such Sums of Money as they, from Time to Time, shall judge necessary.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hillegas*, *Mr. Parker* and Mr. *Rittenhouse* be added to the Committee of Safety.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Reed* be added to the Committee appointed to revise and correct the Minutes of this House, previous to the Publication thereof.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Bills passed this Afternoon, and to deposite the same in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service according to Order.

Mr. *Hillegas* produced at the Table an Account from the Managers of the House of Employment, amounting to *Twenty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings*, for the Cloathing, Board and Burial of *Catherine Smith*, a blind Pauper lately in the Alms-House. And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn by Order, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Hillegas*.

The House taking into Consideration that the public Service will require the issuing a further Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, before the Time of their next Meeting,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Eighty-five Thousand Pounds* be forthwith struck in Bills of Credit, for answering the present Exigences of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Reed* and Mr. *Rittenhouse* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Resolves for striking the said *Eighty-five Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit.

The Committee for Battalion-Expences reporting to the House, that Captain *Josiah Hart*, in Pursuance of the Order to the Sergeant at Arms, had attended the Committee and paid all the Expences incurred by his late Misconduct,

Ordered, That the said *Hart* be dismissed, without appearing at the Bar of the House.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the several Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, relative to the setting Negro Slaves at Liberty, be referred to further Consideration at the next Meeting of the House.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Resolves for striking the Sum of *Eighty-five Thousand Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, reported a Draught for that Purpose, which being considered and agreed to, was transcribed, and is as follows, *viz.*

Resolved, That Bills of Credit, to the Value of *Eighty-five Thousand Pounds*, shall, on or before the Twentieth Day of *May* next, be prepared and printed on good strong Paper, under the Care and Direction of *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, Esquires, or any three of them; the Charge of which shall be defrayed out of the Bills hereby to be emitted; which Bills shall be made and prepared in the Manner and Form following, *viz.*

———— according to the Resolves of the Assembly of *Pennsylvania*, of the Sixth Day of *April*, in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of his Majesty GEORGE the Third:—Dated at *Philadelphia* the Twenty-fifth Day of *April*, *Anno Domini* 1776.

And the said Bills shall have such like Escutcheons and Devices as the said *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any three of them, shall think proper;—each of which Bills shall be of the several and respective Denominations following, and no other, *viz.*

Fifty-four Thousand Five Hundred and *Forty-five* of the same Bills of the Sum of *Three-pence.*

Fifty-four Thousand Five Hundred and *Forty-six* of the same Bills of the Sum of *Four-pence.*

Fifty-four Thousand Five Hundred and *Forty-six* of the same Bills of the Sum of *Six-pence.*

Fifty-four Thousand Five Hundred and *Forty-five* of the same Bills of the Sum of *Nine-pence.*

Twenty-eight Thousand Five Hundred and *Seventy-two* of the same Bills of the Sum of *One Shilling.*

Twenty-eight Thousand Five Hundred and *Seventy-one* of the same Bills of the Sum of *One Shilling* and *Six-pence.*

Twenty-eight Thousand Five Hundred and *Seventy-two* of the same Bills of the Sum of *Two Shillings.*

Twenty-eight Thousand Five Hundred and *Seventy-one* of the same Bills of the Sum of *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence.*

Fourteen Thousand of the same Bills of the Sum of *Ten Shillings.*

Fourteen Thousand of the same Bills of the Sum of *Twenty Shillings.*

Fourteen Thousand of the same Bills of the Sum of *Thirty Shillings.*

Fourteen Thousand of the same Bills of the Sum of *Forty Shillings.*

And the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson,* or any three of them, shall use their best Care, Attention and Diligence, during the Printing of the said Bills, that the Number and Amount thereof, according to the respective Denominations aforesaid, be not exceeded, nor any clandestine or fraudulent Practice be used by the Printer, his Servants, or others concerned therein.

Resolved, That, for perfecting the said Bills, all and every of them, under the Denomination of *One Shilling,* shall be signed by one of the Persons hereafter named; all and every of them, of the Denomination of *One Shilling* to *Half-a-Crown* inclusive, shall be signed by two of the Persons hereafter named, and all the rest of the said Bills shall be signed by three of the Persons hereafter named; that is to say, *Benjamin Betterton, William Smith,* Broker, *Joseph Redman, William Crispin, William Kenly, William Cliffton, Josiah Hewes, Andrew Tybout, George Douglass, Charles Moore, Thomas Moore, Abel Evans, Peter Thompson, Samuel Cadwalader Morris, Cornelius Barns, Sketchly Morton, Elisha Price* and *Hugh Lloyd,* Gentlemen, who are hereby nominated and appointed to be Signers of the said Bills, and shall, before they receive or sign any of the said Bills, take an Oath or Affirmation to the following Effect, *viz.*

"That they shall well and truly sign and number all the Bills of Credit, that shall come to their Hands for that Purpose, and the same, when so signed and numbered, will deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson,* or any three of them."

Resolved, That, for avoiding the Danger of Embezzlement or Misapplication of any of the said Bills of Credit, the said *George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson,* or any three of them, after the said Bills are printed, shall deliver them to the said Signers to be signed and numbered by Parcels, for which the said Signers, or some of them, shall give their Receipts; that is to say, *Two Thousand Pounds* Value in the said Bills, at one Time, and so from Time to

Time, until all the said Bills of Credit shall be signed and numbered in such Manner, that not more than the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds* shall remain in such Signers Hands at any one Time; of all which said Bills of Credit, so delivered to be signed, a true Account shall be kept by the Signers, who, upon their Re-delivery of each or any Parcel of the said Bills by them signed and numbered, shall take the Receipt of the said *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any three of them, to charge them before any Committee of Assembly to be appointed for that Purpose: And each of the said Signers shall have and receive *Ten Shillings* for every Thousand of the said Bills by them signed and numbered, and each of the said *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, shall have and receive, for their Trouble, the Sum of *Ten Shillings per Diem*; and the Treasurer hereafter appointed for receiving and paying the said Bills of Credit, shall have and receive *Five Shillings* for every *Hundred Pounds*, and no more, to be paid out of the Bills of Credit hereby ordered to be emitted.

Resolved, That, after the said Bills shall be signed, numbered and perfected, the said *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any three of them, shall deliver them to *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; who is hereby appointed Treasurer for that Purpose, and take his Receipt or Receipts for the same, who shall pay off and discharge, out of the said Bills of Credit, all such Draughts and Certificates as shall be made by Order of the Assembly or the Committee of Safety of this Province.

Resolved, That the Treasurer aforesaid shall give Bond, with two sufficient Sureties, to *John Morton*, Esq; in the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds*, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in him.

And for the more certain paying, redeeming, discharging and sinking the said Bills of Credit hereby emitted,

Resolved, That a Tax shall be raised and levied, by the respective Commissioners and Assessors of the several Counties within this Province, on the same Persons and Property, in the same Proportion, and in the same Manner and Mode, as the Provincial Tax, by the Laws now in Force, is raised, levied and recovered, and shall be paid, by the respective County Treasurers, to the Treasurer for the Time appointed or to be appointed for that Purpose; which said Tax shall commence immediately sinking the *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds* issued by the Resolutions of the late Assembly, on the

Thirtieth Day of *June* last, and of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* heretofore issued by this House,—which Tax, for the Purpose aforesaid, the several Commissioners and Assessors are enjoined and required to raise, levy and recover, and cause to be paid to the Treasurer aforesaid, as they regard the Freedom, Welfare and Safety of their Country.

Resolved, That the Treasurer appointed as aforesaid, or his Successor, shall yearly, and every Year, pay into the Hands of the Committees of Assembly appointed to settle the public Accounts, all such Sum and Sums of Money, in the Bills of Credit of the *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds* emitted as aforesaid, and of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* heretofore emitted by this House, and of the *Eighty-five Thousand Pounds* hereby to be emitted,—which Sums so paid, the said Committees are hereby enjoined and required to burn, sink and destroy. And the said Treasurer, when required, shall also lay his Accounts before the Assembly or the said Committees, for their Inspection and Settlement.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Memorial from the Committee of Inspection and Observation, for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and after a Debate of considerable Length, the Question being called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the House will alter the Instructions given, at their last Sitting, to the Delegates for this Province in Congress?

Carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the Twentieth of *May* next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

May 20, 1776.

BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the several Counties, where an additional Number of Representatives were directed by an Act of Assembly passed the last Sitting, to be chosen, it appears the following Gentlemen were duly elected to serve in Assembly, as Representatives during the Remainder of this Year, *viz.*

For the City of *Philadelphia*. *Samuel Howell, George Clymer, Andrew Allen, Alexander Wilcocks.*

For the County of *Lancaster*. *Thomas Porter, Bartram Galbreath.*

For the County of *York*. *Samuel Eddie, James Rankin.*

For the County of *Cumberland*. *Jonathan Hoge, Robert Whitehill.*

For the County of *Berks*. *Henry Haller, John Lesher.*

For the County of *Northampton*. *James Allen, Jacob Arndt.*

For the County of *Bedford*. *Thomas Smith.*
For the County of *Northumberland*. *James Potter.*
For the County of *Westmoreland*. *John Prockter.*

Mr. Speaker and Twenty-seven Members met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, the House adjourned to To-morrow, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

May 21, 1776.

A Quorum of the Representatives met this Day; but, it being too late to proceed upon Business, the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 22, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter received from *Charles Moore*, Esq; "requesting that he might have Permission to resign his Office as Clerk to the House, finding it to be inconvenient to him in many Respects to continue longer therein."

Petitions from *Edward Tilghman* and *Abel Evans*, respectively praying to be appointed Clerk to the House, in the Room of *Charles Moore*, Esq; who has resigned, were presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Protest of divers of the Inhabitants of this Province, in Behalf of themselves and others, was presented to the House and read, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

The PROTEST of divers of the INHABITANTS of this Province, in Behalf of themselves and others.

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the Province of PENNSYLVANIA.

GENTLEMEN,

WE the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of ourselves and others the Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania*, conceive it our Duty to represent unto this House as followeth:

That whereas the Honourable Continental Congress hath, by a Resolve bearing Date the Fifteenth Instant, recommended the taking up and establishing new Governments, throughout all the United Colonies, under the "*Authority of the People*;" and as the chartered Power of this House is derived from our mortal Enemy, the King of *Great-Britain*, and the Members thereof were elected by such Persons only as were either in real or supposed Allegiance to the said King, to the Exclusion of many worthy Inhabitants whom the aforesaid Re-

solve of Congress hath now rendered Electors; and as this House, in its present State, is in immediate Intercourse with a Governor bearing the said King's Commission, and who is his sworn Representative, holding, and by Oath obliged to hold, official Correspondence with the Ministers of the said King, and is not within the Reach of any Act of ours to be absolved therefrom: We, therefore, in this solemn Manner, in Behalf of ourselves and others, do hereby renounce and protest against the Authority and Qualification of this House for framing a new Government.

As we mean not to enter into any Altercation with this House, we shall forbear enumerating the particular Inconsistencies of its former Conduct, and content ourselves with declaring, that, as a Body of Men bound by Oaths of Allegiance to our Enemy, and influenced, as many of its Members are, either by Connexions with, or pecuniary Employments under, the Proprietary of this Province, who is likewise the said King's Representative, it is, to all good Intents and Purposes, disqualified to take into Consideration the late Resolve of Congress, and, as an House, is not within the Description mentioned in the said Resolve, as "an Assembly under the Authority of the People" only; and because likewise, that we have very alarming Apprehensions, that a new Government, modelled by Persons so inconsistently circumstanced, would be the Means of subjecting ourselves, and our Posterity, to greater Grievances than any we have hitherto experienced.

In thus protesting against the Authority of this House, for framing a new Government, we mean not to object against its exercising the proper Powers, it has hitherto been accustomed to use, for the Safety and Convenience of the Province, until such Time as a new Constitution, originating from, and founded on, "the Authority of the People," shall be finally settled by a Provincial Convention to be elected for that Purpose, and until the proper Officers and Representatives of the People shall be chosen agreeable thereto, and qualified to succeed this House: For which Purpose, an Application will be made to the Committee of Inspection and Observation of the City and Liberties, (whose Services, on all Occasions, have been applied to the Support of the Rights of the People) for calling a Conference of Committees of the several Counties of this Province, agreeable to the Powers it is already invested with for that Purpose, which said Conference of Committees shall issue out Summonses, for electing by Ballot a Provincial Convention, consisting of at least One Hundred Members, for the Purpose of carrying the said Resolve of Congress into

Execution: As we are fully convinced, that our Safety and Happiness, next to the immediate Providence of God, depend on our complying with, and supporting firmly, the said Resolve of Congress,—that thereby the Union of the Colonies may be preserved inviolate.

Signed in Behalf of and by the Direction of the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, *upon due Notification met,* Philadelphia, May 20th, 1776.

DANIEL ROBERDEAU, *Chairman.*

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Honourable the Continental Congress having passed a Resolve the 15th Instant, recommending to the respective Assemblies and Conventions of the United Colonies, where no Government sufficient to the Exigencies of their Affairs has been hitherto established, to adopt such Government as shall, in the Opinion of the Representatives of the People, best conduce to the Happiness and Safety of their Constituents in particular, and *America* in general: And it appearing to this House, that Doubts have arisen concerning the true Sense and Meaning of the said Resolve:—Therefore,

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That Mr. *Andrew Allen*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Wilcocks*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to take into Consideration the said Resolve of Congress, and the Preamble thereto; and to draw up a Memorial from this House, setting forth the different Meanings that have been assigned to the said Resolve, and requesting an Explanation in such Terms as will not admit of any Doubt, whether the Assemblies and Conventions, now subsisting in the several Colonies, are or are not the Bodies, to whom the Consideration of continuing the old, or adopting new Governments, is referred.

A Petition of *Matthew Clarkson*, Esq: praying to be appointed Clerk to the House, in the Room of *Charles Moore*, Esq; who hath resigned, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of *George Bryan*, Esq; to be appointed the Officer to superintend the Imports and Exports, and other naval Affairs, of the Port of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition of *John Jones*, for the Office of a Quarter-Master to the Troops raising for the Service of this Province, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House being informed that *Jacob Young*, of *Northampton* County, a First Lieutenant in one of the Rifle-Companies, in the Service of this Province, had resigned his Commission; a Petition of *Casper Weaver*, of the same Place, to be appointed in his stead, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition of *Andrew Boyd*, to be appointed a Third Lieutenant in the Rifle-Service, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 23, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That Mr. *Wilcocks* and Mr. *James Allen* be added to the Committee of Accounts.

The Petition of *Jehu Jones* was read a second time, and referred to further Consideration.

An Address of the Committee of Inspection and Observation, for the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* General Assembly *met.*

The ADDRESS of the Committee of Inspection and Observation, for the County of *Philadelphia.*

WE esteem ourselves in no small Degree happy, that we have the Satisfaction, in this very critical Conjuncture, of expressing our Sentiments to the constitutional Representative Body of this Province.

With the deepest Concern we have lately observed, that the Ground, on which our Opposition, to the arbitrary and oppressive Measures of the *British* Ministry, was first made, is so totally changed.—Instead of our joining Hand and Heart, in forwarding a Reconciliation, with our Parent State, on constitutional Principles, which is the Object we ought ever to have kept in View, as the only Termination of our Disputes, which can possibly give us Happiness and Security, a System has been adopted by some Persons, in the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, which tends immediately to the Subversion of our Constitution. When we recollect the Declaration of Congress, that they meant not to destroy the Union, which has so long "and happily subsisted, and which they sincerely wish to be restored."—When we think of the known

Instructions given to the Delegates of several Colonies, as well as to those of our own, we are alarmed at the Prospect of a Disunion, which must attend the Prosecution of a Scheme, that will, in the End, not only set Province against Province, but (more dreadful to think) foment civil Discords in each.

Should our inveterate Enemies be so lost to all Sense of Justice and Humanity, as to persist in their infernal Plan of Despotism; should they drive us, by their Violence, to that last Shift, a Declaration of Independance, every one will then be convinced of the Necessity of such a Measure, and we shall be as one Man, so united and strengthened by the Conviction, as to bid Defiance to all their Attempts.

The Inhabitants of this County, "in their own native Land, in Defence of the Freedom which is their Birthright, and which they have ever enjoyed, until the late Violation of it, for the Protection of their Property, acquired solely by the Industry of their Forefathers and themselves, against Violence actually offered, first took up Arms, and mean not to lay them down, until Hostilities shall cease on the Part of the Aggressors, and all Danger of their being renewed shall be removed."

They have, with the greatest Alacrity, given a considerable Part of their Time to qualify themselves in Military Matters, and are well assured, they will be behind none in their Endeavours to put an End to the Oppression of their Country; but it was, at the same Time, with a determined Resolution to support and defend their Constitution, against all Oppressions and Innovations whatsoever.

These we know to be the Sentiments of the People, under whose Authority we act, as well as our own; and as such, we should be highly wanting in our Duty to ourselves and our Constituents, were we to neglect laying them before you.

We are not insensible of the Difficulties, which attend your Situation; but trust you will proceed in the weighty Affairs, now under your Consideration, with Unanimity and Firmness, still looking forward to a happy, permanent Termination of our Calamities, in a constitutional Reconciliation with our ancient Friends.

To forget Injuries, and to forgive those who have offended, is as conducive to Happiness, as conformable to the Rules of Virtue; and we make no Doubt, the most salutary Events must result from Measures formed and conducted on such Principles.

What we have to offer and advise is; that you will most religiously adhere to the Instructions given to our Delegates

in Congress. We consider them our greatest Security. And we do further most seriously entreat, that you will, to the utmost of your Power, oppose the changing or altering, in any the least Part, of our invaluable Constitution, under which we have experienced every Happiness, and in Support of which there is nothing just or reasonable which we would not willingly undertake.

Signed by Order of the Committee,
WILLIAM HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross,* Mr. *Potter,* Mr. *Haller* and Mr. *Arndt* be a Committee to examine the Muster-Rolls returned to this House, and report the Number of effective Men, Officers and Privates, in the Pay of this Province.

The House adjourned to To-morrow Morning at Ten o'Clock.

May 24, 1776.

A Memorial of the Committee of Safety of this Province was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that there being only nine Members of the said Committee residing in this City, who are not Members of Assembly, and several of the said Committee being frequently out of Town on public Business, it often happens that a Board cannot be got together, by which, very important Matters are sometimes delayed to the Injury of the Public; and representing the Necessity of encreasing the Number of the Committee immediately, by adding more Persons residing in the City.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Resolve of Congress of the 15th Instant, and to draw up a Memorial to be presented to Congress, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That the Commissions of the Field and other Officers of the Military Associators, in this Province, shall be dated at the Time they were respectively chosen; but the Rank to remain as settled heretofore for the several Counties; and that the Speaker make out the said Commissions accordingly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Resolve of Congress, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

In CONGRESS, *April* 6, 1776.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Assemblies and Conventions, in the several Colonies, to appoint proper Officers,

at convenient Places, in their respective Colonies, to take Bonds in adequate Penalties, for observing the Regulations made by the Congress, or Assemblies or Conventions, concerning Trade, and for securing the Observation of such Parts of the Association, as are not inconsistent therewith; and that the Obligor shall, within eighteen Months after the Departure of the Vessel, produce to such Officers a Certificate under the Hands and Seals of three or more respectable Merchants residing at the Port or Place where the Cargo shall be delivered, that the same was there unladed, and take Manifests, upon Oath, of the Cargoes exported and imported, and keep fair Accounts and Entries thereof, give Bills of Health when desired, grant Registers shewing the Property of the Vessels cleared out, and sign Certificates, that the Requisites for qualifying Vessels to trade have been complied with; and that the Fees of the said Officers be stated by the respective Assemblies or Conventions. Provided always, that no Prosecution, upon any of the said Bonds, shall be commenced but within three Years after the Date thereof.

Extract from the Minutes,
CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary.*

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That this House will keep, as public Property, the Arms and Accoutrements they have purchased and put into the Hands of the Troops in the Pay of this Province, and will purchase such Arms and Accoutrements, for the public Use, as the Troops may have of their own, and which they are willing to dispose of; and that *Eight-pence per* Month be deducted out of the Pay of each Soldier, for the Use of such Arms and Accoutrements.

Resolved, That Mr. *Miles* be empowered to agree for and purchase such Arms, at the Expence and for the Use of this Province.

Resolved, That the Commander in Chief of the Forces, in the Pay of this Province, for the Time being, shall have and be allowed *Thirty Dollars per* Month, besides his Pay, for the Expences of his Table.

Ordered, That the Clerk write to the absent Members, requesting their Attendance in Assembly as soon as possible.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Andrew Allen*, Mr. *Wilcocks*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *James Allen* be a Committee to prepare and draw up Resolutions for ren-

dering Naturalization and the Oaths or Affirmations of Allegience unnecessary in all Cases where they are required or have been usually taken within this Colony.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 25, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition of *John M'Cowan*, praying to be appointed to a Lieutenancy, in the Rifle-Service, vacant by the Resignation of *Jacob Young*, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

May 27, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-two Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 28, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition of *Luke Broadhead* to be appointed to the Office of a Lieutenant, in one of the Companies of Rifle-Men, in the Service of this Province, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial of the Committee of Inspection and Observation of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, presented to Congress the Twenty-fifth Instant, was laid before the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial of the Committee of Safety was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, about the Beginning of this Month, being advised two of the King's Ships laying near Cape *Henlopen*, infesting the Trade of this Colony, were proceeding up the River *Delaware*, the Committee issued Orders, to the Officers of the armed Boats, to stop their Progress:—That, in the Engagements that ensued, some were of Opinion, it was in the Power of the Gondolas to have taken the *Roebuck*, one of the said Ships, which was not done. In a Variety of Opinions, respecting the Cause of this Miscarriage, the Commanders of the armed Boats have, in a Publication, attributed it to the Misconduct of the Committee, in not furnishing them with sufficient Quantities of Ammunition. They request the House will promote such an Enquiry, as will satisfy the Public, where the Blame and Misconduct is justly chargeable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition of a Number of the Freemen and Inhabitants

of the County of *Cumberland* was presented to the House and read, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* General Assembly *met.*

WE the Subscribers, Freemen and Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, in the said Province, beg Leave to lay before you, at this very important Crisis, the following Representation.

The arbitrary and unconstitutional Claim of the *British* Parliament to bind, by its Acts, the *British* Colonies in all Cases whatever, and the cruel Exertions of the *British* Administration to carry, by Force, that Claim into Execution, drove *America* into the present unhappy, but, on her Part, just and necessary War.

To obtain the Re-establishment of their Rights, and to be restored to the Freedom and Prosperity, which, until lately, they enjoyed, were the declared Ends of the Colonists; of those Ends we ardently wish to see the full Accomplishment.

But this cannot take Place, without the Concurrence of those who discover no Inclination to depart from the destructive System, which they have so pertinaciously pursued. Necessity therefore directs the Contemplation of the Public to other Objects.

If those, who rule in *Britain*, will not permit the Colonies to be free and happy, in Connexion with that Kingdom, it becomes their Duty to secure and promote their Freedom and Happiness, in the best Manner they can, without that Connexion.

The Prosecution of the War may require some Measures to be adopted, which, beside the Purposes more immediately intended to be produced by them, may have a Tendency to weaken or even to dissolve the Connexion before-mentioned.

To avoid the terrible Consequences of Anarchy, to prevent the best Men from falling Sacrifices to the factious and interested Views of the worst, it will soon become, if it has not already become, necessary to advise, and to form such Establishments, as will be sufficient to protect the virtuous and restrain the vicious Members of Society: Those Establishments may be construed to lead to a Separation from *Great-Britain*.

The foregoing Considerations induce us to petition this Honourable House, that the last Instructions, which it gave to the Delegates of this Province in Congress, wherein they

are enjoined not to consent to any Step, which may cause or lead to a Separation from *Great-Britain*, may be withdrawn. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Safety be directed to lay before this House, as soon as possible, an Account of the Preparations of every Kind, already made or now making by them, for the Defence of this Colony.

Ordered, That *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer, lay before this House an Account of the Money issued by the Resolves of the Assembly, which has been drawn out of his Hands by Orders from the Assembly and Committee of Safety; and what Sum yet remains unexpended.

Resolved, That the Sum of *Seventeen Shillings*, *per* Week, be allowed to each of the Officers, in the Pay of this Province, for their Subsistance, in the recruiting Service, from the Date of their Instructions, until the Time of their Arrival at their proper Stations.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Resolved, That the Pay of the Officers, in the Service of this Province, commence from the Date of their Instructions for enlisting Men.

Resolved, That *John McGowan* be appointed Adjutant to one of the Battalions, in the Rifle-Regiment of the Forces, in the Pay of this Province.

The House taking into Consideration the several Applications for the Vacancy in the Rifle-Regiment,

Resolved, That *George Wert* be appointed a First Lieutenant in the said Rifle-Regiment, in the Room of *Jacob Young*, who hath resigned.

Resolved, That *Joseph Jacquet* be appointed a Second Lieutenant, in the said Regiment, in the Room of *George Wert* promoted.

Resolved, That *Luke Broadhead* be appointed a Third Lieutenant, in the said Regiment, in the Room of *Joseph Jacquet* promoted.

The House resuming the Consideration of the Memorial of the Committee of Safety presented in the Morning,

Ordered, That Mr. *Potts*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Wynkoop*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Twyning*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Jenks*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Pennock*, Mr. *Pyle*, Mr. *Porter*, Mr. *Galbreath*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Eddy*, Mr. *Rankin*, Mr. *Hoge*, Mr. *Whitehill*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Haller*,

Mr. *Lesher*, Mr. *Kachlein*, Mr. *James Allen*, Mr. *Arndt*, Mr. *Potter*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to enquire into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, respecting the Charge made against them, by the Captains of the armed Boats, and other Matters relative to the Engagement between the said armed Boats and the King's Ships, in the River *Delaware*.

Resolved, That *Jacob Laverswyler*, *John Doyle* and *Frederick Molineux* be, and they are hereby appointed Quarter-Masters to the three Battalions, in the Pay of this province.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 29, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

John Proctor, Esq; this Day appearing in the House, the first time since his being chosen a Representative, took his Seat accordingly.

The House taking into Consideration the Petitions from *Northumberland* and other Counties, respecting the Money the Petitioners had taken out of the Loan-Office, on Loan, for which they had given their Mortgages, presented to the House at their last Sitting,

Ordered, That Mr. *Howell*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Wilcocks*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Galbreath* be a Committee to prepare and report to the House a Resolution to indemnify the Trustees of the Loan-Office, in Cases where the Mortgagors have been deficient in their annual Payments, and the said Trustees have not proceeded against such Defaulters, as the Laws of this Province direct.

Addresses, signed by a Number of Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* ASSEMBLY *met.*

The ADDRESS and REMONSTRANCE of the INHABITANTS of the City and County of *Philadelphia.*

WHEREAS to our great Affliction we find, that a Paper has been presented to the House, stiled "The Protest of divers Inhabitants of this Province," said to be "in Behalf of themselves and others;" the Purport of which is to subvert and change the Constitution of this Government, upon sundry Allegations which we cannot conceive to be well founded; and whereas, we think it an indispensable Duty to ourselves and our Posterity, to claim and support our Birthright, in the Charter and wise Laws of *Pennsylvania*, either consented to

by ourselves, or delivered down to us by our Ancestors, as far as may be possible, without Injury to the public Cause of *America*, during the present distressed Situation of our Affairs: We do therefore remonstrate against the said Protest, for the following Reasons.

First. Because it holds up the Resolve of Congress of the 15th Instant, as an absolute Injunction for the "taking up and establishing new Governments, throughout all the United Colonies, under the Authority of the People." Whereas the said Resolve is only a conditional Recommendation "to the respective Assemblies and Conventions of the United Colonies, where no Government, sufficient to the Exigencies of their Affairs, has been established, to adopt such Governments as shall, in the Opinion of the Representatives of the People, best conduce to the Happiness and Safety of their Constituents in particular, and *America* in general." And here it is obvious to remark, that, in this and every other Resolve of Congress, where "Assemblies and Conventions" are referred to, it must be intended, (and the Practice has been accordingly) that wherever Assemblies exist, and can meet, as the ancient constitutional Bodies, in their respective Colonies, the public Business is to be carried on by them, and by Conventions only, in those urgent Cases, where arbitrary Governors, by Prorogations and Dissolutions, prevent the Representatives of the People from sitting, to deliberate on their own Affairs, or have subverted the Constitutions by abdicating their Offices, and levying War against these Colonies. That the Assembly of this Province cannot be prorogued or dissolved; that they have been exceeded by no Province, in their noble Exertions, in the common Cause of Liberty; that, by the Resolve of Congress, who have never interfered in the domestic Police of the Colonies, the Representatives of the People are left as the sole Judges, whether their Governments be "sufficient for the Exigencies of their Affairs" or not; that our Courts of Law are open, Justice has been administered with a due Attention to our Circumstances, and large Sums of Money issued, the Credit of which might be shaken, and numberless Confusions ensue, from Innovations hastily or unnecessarily made.

Second. We remonstrate against the said Protest, as setting on foot a Measure which tends to Disunion, and must damp the Zeal of Multitudes of the good People of *Pennsylvania*, in the common Cause, who, having a high Veneration for their civil and religious Rights, as secured by our Charter, never conceived, when they engaged, among other Things, for

the Support of the Charter-Rights of another Colony, that they would be called upon to make a Sacrifice of their own Charter.—Nor can we now see any Thing, in our Situation, which requires such an unequal Sacrifice, while other Colonies, particularly *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island*, the Authority of whose Assemblies is the same Way derived by Charter as ours, continue their ancient Forms of Government, by these Bodies, without Conventions.

That, whatever temporary Alterations in Forms, the Urgency of Affairs, or the Authority of the People, can be conceived to justify or render expedient, that Authority is fully vested in our Representatives in Assembly freely and annually chosen.

Six Parts in seven of your Body are, by our inestimable Charter, vested with the Power of determining in this Matter. ——We look to you as entrusted with the Conservation of our Rights, and are firmly of Opinion, that your Constituents in general will chearfully be governed by whatever your Wisdom may ordain in the present Exigency,—humbly recommending it to you always to keep in Mind, that, in Times of Confusion, every Change should be cautiously adopted, and only such made as are absolutely necessary:—In which Particulars, the Province of *South-Carolina* (when impelled by Necessity, has set a laudable Example, regulating themselves with a View towards, and only until "an Accommodation of the unhappy Differences, between *Great-Britain* and *America*, can be obtained; an Event which, though traduced and treated as Rebels, they still profess earnestly to desire."

To the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* General Assembly *met.*

WHEREAS a Publication, stiled a "Protest of divers of the Inhabitants of this Province, in Behalf of themselves and others," hath appeared in the public Papers, addressed to the Representatives of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, declared to be from "the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of themselves and others." We the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, sensible of the many Advantages derived to us from our excellent Constitution and anxiously solicitous that they may be continued to us and our Posterity, deem it our indispensable Duty to declare, that we are not represented in the said Protest, neither have we empowered any Person or Persons whatever, on our Behalf, to sign the same."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of *James Wallace*, requesting to be appointed the

Officer for the entering in and clearing out Vessels, for the Port and District of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

An Account of *Lewss Nichola*, Barrack-Master, for Repairs of the Barracks, was laid before the House, read, and referred to the Committee of Safety to be paid.

An Account of Captain *Spring*, for Storeage of several Articles in the Magazine, was laid before the House, read, and referred to the Committee of Accounts for Examination.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Michael Hillegas, Esq; Treasurer, agreeable to the Order of Yesterday, laid before the House an Account, containing a List of Orders drawn on him by the Committee of Safety, which was read and ordered to lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

A Petition of *Frederick Phile*, to be appointed to the Office of Collector of the Customs for the Port of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed this Morning to draw up a Resolution, to indemnify the Trustees of the Loan-Office, in Cases where the Mortgagors have been deficient in their annual Payments, *&c.* reported a Resolution for that Purpose, which was read and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 30, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Petitions, signed by a Number of the Freemen and Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, were presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, by the Stagnation of Commerce, the Circulation of Money is nearly stopped among them:——And that many, who have Property sufficient, and are willing to discharge their Debts, will be reduced to the greatest Distress, if Sales by the Sheriff are permitted to be made indiscriminately;—they therefore pray the House to make such Regulations, as shall appear best calculated to secure to Creditors their just Debts, and prevent the Ruin of honest Debtors. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Resignation and Representation of *Owen Jones*, Esq; resigning his Office as Provincial Treasurer, was presented to the Houuse and read.——The Resignation being accepted.

Resolved, That *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; be, and he is hereby

appointed, Provincial Treasurer, in the Room of *Owen Jones*, Esq;

Resolved, That the Officers, named in the Act of Assembly passed the last Sitting, remove the Records in their Care from Place to Place, under the Restrictions in the said Act, and that this House will pay the Expence of such Removals.

Ordered, That the Members of the several Counties return to the House a List of the Magistrates in their respective Counties, and that they take into their Care a Volume of the Laws for and to be delivered to each of the Magistrates, and Board of Commissioners in their Counties; and shall give to the Clerk of this House a Receipt for so many, as they shall so take into their Care.

A Member presented at the Table Resolves of Congress, respecting the Conduct to be observed to and by Prisoners of War, which were read by Order, and are as follow.

In CONGRESS, *May* 21, 1776.

Resolved, That all Persons taken in Arms, on Board any Prize, be deemed Prisoners, to be taken Care of by the supreme executive Power in each Colony to which they are brought, whether the Prize be taken by Vessels fitted out by the Continent or by others.

That such as are taken be treated as Prisoners of War, but with Humanity, and be allowed the same Rations as the Troops in the Service of the United Colonies; but that such as are Officers supply themselves and be allowed to draw Bills to pay for their Subsistance and Cloathing.

That Officers made Prisoners in the Land Service be allowed the same Indulgence.

That the Officers be not permitted to reside in or near any Sea Port Town, nor public Post Road, and that the Officers and Privates be not suffered to reside in the same Places.

That in Case the Officers cannot draw or sell their Bills, the Congress will allow for each of them *Two Dollars* a Week, for Board and Lodgings, to be repaid by said Officers before they are released from their Captivity.

That no Tavern-Keepers supply any Officers who are Prisoners, on the Credit of the Continent.

That the Capitulations entered into with Prisoners, at the Time of their Surrender, be punctually observed.

That such Officers, as surrender Prisoners of War, be put on their Parole, unless Congress shall otherwise direct.

That the FORM of the PAROLE be as follows:

I —— being made a Prisoner of War, by the Army of the Thirteen United Colonies, in *North-America*, do promise and

engage, on my Word and Honour, and on the Faith of a Gentleman, to depart from hence to —— in the Province of —— being the Place of my Destination and Residence, and there, or within Six Miles thereof, to remain during the present War between *Great-Britain* and the said United Colonies, or until the Congress of the said United Colonies, or the Assembly, Convention, or Committee or Council of Safety of the said Colony shall order otherwise; and that I will not directly or indirectly give any Intelligence whatsoever to the Enemies of the United Colonies, or do or say any Thing in Opposition to, or in Prejudice of the Measures and Proceedings of any Congress for the said Colonies, during the present Troubles, or until I am duly exchanged or discharged. Given under my Hand, this Day of *A. D.* 1776.

That the said Parole be signed by the Officers.

That such as refuse to subscribe the Parole be committed to Prison.

That *David Franks*, Esq; Agent to the Contractors for victualling the Troops of the King of *Great-Britain*, be permitted to supply the Prisoners with Provisions and other Necessaries, and to sell his Bills for such Sums of Money as are necessary for that Purpose.

And to enable him to do this to the Satisfaction of his Employers, that a commissioned Officer be permitted once a Month to visit the Prisoners so victualled and supplied, in order to count their Numbers and certify the Rolls.

That such of the Prisoners, as are not supplied by Mr. *Franks*, be furnished with Provisions not exceeding the Rations allowed to Privates in the Service of the Continent.

That the Women and Children belonging to Prisoners be furnished with Subsistance, and supplied with Firing and other Things absolutely necessary for their Support.

That no Prisoners be inlisted in the Continental Army.

That the Prisoners be permitted to exercise their Trades, and to labour, in order to support themselves and Families.

That the Committees of Inspection and Observation, for the Counties, Districts or Towns, assigned for the Residence of Prisoners, be impowered to superintend their Conduct, and, in Cases of gross Misbehaviour, to confine them, and report to their respective Assemblies, Conventions, or Committees or Council of Safety, the Proceedings had on such Occasions.

That a List of the Prisoners in each Colony be made out by the Committees of the Counties, Towns, or Districts where they reside, and transmitted to the Assembly, Convention, or

Council or Committee of Safety of such Colony respectively, who shall send a Copy thereof to Congress.

That the said Assemblies, Conventions and Committees, or Councils of Safety, be impowered to contract with proper Persons for the most reasonable Terms for supplying such of the Prisoners, their Wives and Children, in their respective Colony, as are not supplied by Mr. *Franks*.

That the said Assemblies, Conventions and Committees, or Councils of Safety, be authorized and requested to take the Paroles of the Officers, and to cause a strict Observance of the Terms on which they are enlarged, and also to take especial Care, that none of those confined by Order of the Congress, be suffered to escape; also to advance the Allowance of *Two Dollars* a Week to each of the Officers who cannot draw or sell their Bills, and to draw for the same on the President of the Congress.

That the said Assemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety of the Colonies respectively in which Prisoners are, or shall chuse, or be appointed to reside, be impowered to remove such Prisoners from Place to Place, within the same Colonies, as often as to such Assemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety, it shall seem proper, having regard to the former Resolutions of Congress concerning Prisoners.

Extract from the Minutes, published by Order of Congress,
CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary.*

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Potts*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rittenhouse*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to examine the Works already made for the Defence of this Colony, and report what other Fortifications are necessary, and the Places proper for erecting the same: And that they request the Favour of the Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United Colonies, and the other General Officers and Engineers now in this City, to afford them their Advice and Assistance in this necessary and important Matter.

Resolved, That Mr. *Howell* be appointed on the Committee of Accounts, in the Room of Mr. *Hillegas*, who is appointed Provincial Treasurer, and that Mr. *Clymer* be added to the said Committee.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Speaker commissionate the Field and other Officers of Col. *Kirkbride's* Battalion of Militia, in *Bucks* County, consisting of six Companies.

Resolved, That *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; shall, before he shall enter upon the Duties of his Office, become bound to the Speaker of this House, in an Obligation, with two or more sufficient Sureties to be approved of by this House, in the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, lawful Money of this Province, conditioned for the true and faithful Performance and Execution of the Duties and Trust enjoined and required by Law to be performed and executed by the Provincial Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts audit and settle the Accounts of *Owen Jones*, Esq; late Treasurer of this Province.

Resolved, That all Persons, who, by the Laws of this Province, are required to pay Monies, that come into their Hands, to the Provincial Treasurer, do pay such Monies to *Michael Hillegas*, Esq;

Petitions against *John Folwell* and *Henry Lott*, Captains in the Militia, complaining that they had received more Money, for the Expences of their Companies, than they ought to have received, were presented to the House and read.—Referred to the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Militia.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolution reported Yesterday, for indemnifying the Trustees of the Loan-Office, *&c.* which being amended and agreed to, is as follows:

Whereas, by a late Act of Assembly establishing a Loan-Office in this Province, the Trustees thereof are to be deemed accountable for all Quotas, which have been in Arrear for twelve Months at the Time of Settlement with the Committee of Assembly, as directed by said Act, unless the said Trustees shall have commenced Suits, or otherwise proceeded, according to the said Act, for the Recovery of such Monies. And whereas, through the Failure of Markets for Country-Produce, many Mortgagors have been unable to comply with their respective Payments; and to proceed to a Sale of the mortgaged Premises, would greatly distress many of the good People of this Province:——Therefore,

Resolved, That this House will indemnify the Trustees of the Loan-Office from any Penalty or Charge to which they may be liable at the next Settlement of their Accounts, by Reason of their not commencing Suits, or otherwise proceeding, according to the said Act, against any Persons, who have or may make Default in the Payment of the Quotas mentioned in their respective Mortgages.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

May 31, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Member presented at the Table a Letter signed by *John Coxe* and *Joseph M'Ilvaine*, two Committee-Men for the Borough and Township of *Bristol*, to the Committee of Safety, respecting some Irregularities in the Association in that Township, which was read. *Referred to further Consideration.*

Addresses from the Grand-Jury, Board of Commissioners and Assessors, and a Number of the Freemen and Inhabitants of *Chester* County, of the same Tenor with those presented to the House on *Wednesday* last from the City and County of *Philadelphia*, were presented and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Potts*, Mr. *Howell*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Porter*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to take into Consideration the Proposals of *Thomas Savage*, respecting the making Salt, and to report to the House in what Manner the Manufacture and Importation of that Article, into this Province, can be best encouraged and promoted; together with the Expence that would probably attend the erecting Salt-Works.

The House taking into Consideration the Reports of the Committee made at the last Sitting, respecting the Machines constructed by *John Marshall*, and *Christopher Tully* and *Joseph Hagey*,

Resolved, That the Sum of *Forty Pounds* be allowed to the said *John Marshall*, as a Premium for his improving and constructing a Machine for twisting Thread.

Resolved, That there be allowed to *Christopher Tully* and *Joseph Hagey*, each the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, as a Premium for the Spinning-Machine, which they have introduced into this Province.

Resolved, That a Spinning-Machine be made for, and sent to, each County in this Province, at a Provincial Expence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Parker* procure, and send to each County, such Machines.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 1, 1776.

Mr. Speaker and Thirty-five Members met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

June 3, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-six Members, met, pursuant to

Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to To-morrow, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

June 4, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-six Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 5, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter he had received from the President of the General Convention of *Virginia*, inclosing Resolves of the Convention of that Colony, which were read, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

Virginia, May 22, 1776.

I AM honoured with the Commands of the General Convention of this Colony to transmit you the inclosed Resolutions, which they have thought it indispensably necessary to enter into at this important Crisis; requesting that you will communicate their Contents to the Assembly of your Country for their Consideration. I have the Honour to be, SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

EDMD. PENDLETON, *President.*"

Honourable the Speaker of the Assembly, Pennsylvania.

IN CONVENTION, *Wednesday, May* 15, 1776.
PRESENT 112 MEMBERS.

FORASMUCH as all the Endeavours of the United Colonies, by the most decent Representations and Petitions to the King and Parliament of *Great-Britain*, to restore Peace and Security to *America* under the *British* Government, and a Re-union with that People upon just and liberal Terms, instead of a Redress of Grievances, have produced, from an imperious and vindictive Administration, encreased Insult, Oppression and a vigorous Attempt to effect our total Destruction. By a late Act, all these Colonies are declared to be in Rebellion, and out of the Protection of the *British* Crown, our Properties subjected to Confiscation, our People, when captivated, compelled to join in the Murder and Plunder of their Relations and Countrymen, and all farther Rapine and Oppression of *Americans* declared legal and just. Fleets and Armies are raised, and the Aid of foreign Troops engaged to assist these destructive Purposes: The King's Representative in this Colony hath not only withheld all the Powers of Gov-

ernment from operating for our Safety, but, having retired on Board an armed Ship, is carrying on a piratical and savage War against us, tempting our Slaves, by every Artifice, to resort to him, and training and employing them against their Masters. In this State of extreme Danger, we have no alternative left but an abject Submission to the Will of those overbearing Tyrants or a total Separation from the Crown and Government of *Great-Britain*, uniting and exerting the Strength of all *America* for Defence, and forming Alliances with foreign Powers for Commerce and Aid in War: Wherefore, appealing to the Searcher of Hearts for the Sincerity of former Declarations, expressing our Desire to preserve the Connection with that Nation, and that we are driven from that Inclination by their wicked Councils, and the eternal Laws of Self-preservation.

Resolved unanimously, That the Delegates appointed to represent this Colony in General Congress, be instructed to propose to that respectable Body, to declare the United Colonies free and independant States, absolved from all Allegiance to, or Dependance upon the Crown or Parliament of *Great-Britain*; and that they give the Assent of this Colony to such Declaration, and to whatever Measures may be thought proper and necessary by the Congress for forming foreign Alliances and a Confederation of the Colonies, at such Time, and in the Manner, as to them shall seem best: Provided that the Power of forming Government for, and the Regulations of the internal Concerns of each Colony, be left to the respective Colonial Legislatures.

Resolved unanimously, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Declaration of Rights and such a Plan of Government as will be most likely to maintain Peace and Order in this Colony, and secure substantial and equal Liberty to the People.

EDMD. PENDLETON, *President.*"

A Member presented at the Table a Letter from the Chairman of the Continental Treasury-Office, with some Minutes of that Board, respecting an Account of the Number of Inhabitants of this Province, to be procured by the Assembly and returned to the said Office, which were read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter, which he received from the President of the Continental Congress, inclosing a Number of Resolves of the Congress, which were

read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Consideration of the House.

A great Number of Petitions from divers Inhabitants of this Province, of the same Tenor with those presented on *Wednesday* last from the City and County of *Philadelphia*, were laid before the House and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of *Cumberland* County, praying that the Instructions given by the Assembly to the Delegates of this Province in Congress, may be withdrawn, was read a second time, and after a Debate of a considerable Length, the Question being called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether a Committee shall be appointed to bring in new Instructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congress?

Carried in the Affirmative by a large Majority.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Wilcocks*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Smith* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Instructions to the Delegates in Congress.

The Resignation of *Frederick Molineux*, who was appointed Quarter-Master to one of the Battalions in the Pay of this Province, was presented and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

A Petition of *James Patton* and *John Allen* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, since the Thirteenth of *March* last, the Sheriff of *Cumberland* County, by Virtue of a Writ for that Purpose, hath prostrated their Mill-Dam:—That their Mill is, of Course, rendered useless, and their Land, naturally poor, is of very little Value:—That their Goods have been seized upon and sold by their Creditors, and they are reduced to great Distress. They therefore pray, if the Law, declaring *Shearman's* Creek a public Stream and Highway, was made for the public Good, they may have Restitution made them by the Public; if it was made at the Instance and for the Emolument of a few Individuals, that Restitution may be made them at their Expence.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Memorial of the Committee of Inspection of the County of *Westmoreland*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, from a Variety of Informations, they are apprehensive of Danger from the Ministerial Troops at *Detroit* and the *Indians* in that Country:—That *Vann Sweringen*,

Esq; has raised a Company of effective Men, at a considerable Expence, whom the Memorialists have continued, and stationed at the *Kittaning* on the *Allegany* River, for the Protection of the Frontier; and praying, that the said Company may be continued as long as the House may think proper; and that they may approve of the Conduct of the Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Memorial of the Commanders of the thirteen Row-Gallies, in the Service of this Province, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Memorialists attended Yesterday, before a Committee of the House, who were appointed to inquire into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, agreeable to an Order of the House of the Twenty-ninth of *May*, last; and that they were there as Spectators and Auditors only: That they addressed the Public in an Appeal signed with their Names, on the Sixteenth Day of *May* last, respecting the Actions, on the Eighth and Ninth Days of the said Month, with the *Roebuck* and *Liverpool* Ships of War, in the River *Deleware*, (sic) and alledging that they had every Reason to believe, that only for the Want of Ammunition, at the Time the *Roebuck* got aground, they would have made a Prize of her:—That the Committee of Safety, on the Enquiry, endeavoured to prove, that the Memorialists had a greater Quantity of Ammunition than they had set forth in their Address aforesaid, and that several other Facts therein contained, were not well founded; all of which the Memorialists are ready to disprove, and to make out the several Particulars, in their said Address, to the Satisfaction of the House: They therefore request the House to appoint a short Day for hearing them, in Support of the Allegations contained in their said Publication, and in Answer to the Evidence given on the Part of the Committee of Safety.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to prepare and draw up Resolves for rendering Naturalization and the Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance unnecessary, *&c.* reported a Draught of Resolutions for that Purpose, which was read and referred to further Consideration.

The House taking into Consideration the Resolve of Congress of the 6th of *April* last,

Resolved, That *George Bryan*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed, the Officer for taking Bonds for observing the Regulations made respecting Trade, and for entering and clearing out Vessels in and for the Port of *Philadelphia*.

Resolved, That *Alexander Power* be, and he is hereby appointed, Quarter-Master, in the Room of *Frederick Molineux*, who hath resigned.

The Resolves of Congress, laid before the House this Morning, were again read; and, after a Debate of some Length, referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 6, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition of *Joseph Brownlee*, praying to be appointed to a Lieutenancy, in Captain *Irvin's* Company of Rifle-Men, in the Room of *Edward Thompson*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition of *John Hollenback*, Trader, respecting some Goods taken from him in *Northumberland* County, and some Abuses he received in the Town of *Sunbury*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Petition from the Committee of Inspection of *Westmoreland* County, presented Yesterday, was read a second time; and, upon Consideration thereof,

Resolved, That the Company of Men, raised by *Vann Swearingen*, Esq; mentioned in the said Petition, be encreased to the Number of One Hundred Men, Officers included, and kept in the Pay of this Province.

The Committee appointed to draw up and bring in a Draught of Instructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congress, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which was read by Order and referred to further Consideration.

The Committee appointed to examine the Works already made for the Defence of this Colony, and enquire what other Fortifications are necessary, and the proper Places for erecting the same, and for requesting the General Officers and Engineers of the Continental Army to afford them their Advice and Assistance therein, made a Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE the Committee appointed to attend the General Officers of the Continental Army, and other Gentlemen of Skill, on a Survey of the Shores of the River *Delaware*, in order to erect some farther Fortifications for the Safety and Defence of this Colony, beg Leave to report:

That, pursuant to your Order, we attended the said Gentlemen, who surveyed the Shores accurately as far as *Billings-Port*, about eleven Miles down the River, and who all concurred in Opinion, that it was not adviseable to lay out the

public Money on Works nearer the City than *Fort-Island*, but that it would be proper to compleat the Works there, on the Plan now fixed; and upon a View of the Shore at *Billings-Port*, on the *Jersey* Side, they agreed in Opinion, that it was a strong and favourable Post to erect a Redoubt, with proper Faces; the Ground being well adapted by Nature, and the whole Channel within a commanding Distance.

They further recommend to your Committee the fixing a Boom or some other Obstruction in the Passage; as, with a leading Gale and a strong Tide, a Vessel may soon pass any Fortification, however strong, unless prevented by a casual Shot.

Your Committee are sorry to add, that the Wind and Tide being very strong against them, they were unable to prosecute the Survey lower down the River, or to get to *Chester*; from whence they proposed to have come up by Land, and viewed the Ground between *Chester* and this City.—A Measure which they think highly necessary and recommend to be adopted with all convenient Expedition.

THOMAS POTTS, DAVID RITTENHOUSE,
GEORGE GRAY, JOSEPH REED,
GEORGE ROSS, GEORGE CLYMER."

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, *&c.* presented their Report in Writing to the House.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House to enquire into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, do enquire into the Conduct of the Commanders of the Gallies, in the Service of this Colony, during the late Engagements of the Gallies, with the *Roebuck* and *Liverpool* Men of War, on the Eighth and Ninth Days of the last Month; and that *John Haney*, *James Gibbons*, *John Jacobs*, *Thomas Smith* and *John Proctor* be added to the said Committee.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That this House will, on *Saturday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the State of this Province.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 7, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

An Address and Remonstrance, signed by a Number of In-

habitants in *Chester* County, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they are informed a Paper has been presented to the House, stiled the Protest of divers Inhabitants of this Province, said to be in Behalf of themselves and others; the Purport of which is to subvert and change the Constitution of this Government: They therefore think it their Duty to inform the House, that they disapprove of the said Protest; the same being gone into without their Consent or Knowledge, and that they look upon such a Change in Government to be of hurtful and dangerous Consequences, and which they cannot consent to; but do earnestly desire, that the Charter and good Constitution of this Province may be preserved inviolably. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial of several Inhabitants of *Northumberland* County, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that their Grievances, which they represented to the House at their last Sitting, still remain unredressed, though they have made Application according to the Direction of the Assembly: They therefore pray the House to keep in Memory their Distresses, and grant them such Relief as may be thought proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Instructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congress, and after a Debate of a considerable Length, adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Instructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congress, and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 8, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and the Order of *Thursday* last being read,

Resolved, That this House will, on *Tuesday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the State of this Province.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Instructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congress, which being gone through, and approved of, were ordered to be transcribed.

A Member proposed to the House, and read in his Place, a Resolution as a farther Instruction to the Delegates, which, being seconded, was postponed to *Tuesday* next for Consideration.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning.

June 10, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Eighteen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-seven Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 11, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-three Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-two Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 12, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-six Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-six Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 13, 1776.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Proposals of *Thomas Savage*, respecting the making Salt, *&c.* reported that they had examined the Plan proposed by the said *Thomas Savage*, for making annually, on the Sea-Coast, about Sixty Thousand Bushels, and are of Opinion the necessary Works may be compleated in a short Time, at an Expence not exceeding *Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*; ——but as they conceive this Quantity not altogether equal to the Consumption of the Colony, they earnestly recommend to the House an Undertaking of greater Extent, to be put under the Direction of some Persons of such known Activity and Zeal, as may give a reasonable Hope, that the public Necessities, in this Article, may be fully relieved, without depending on a precarious Supply from abroad, which can only be obtained at an exorbitant Rate.

Ordered to lie on the Table for Consideration.

A Member presented at the Table a Letter from the President of the Congress directed to the House, which being read, follows in these Words, *viz.*

Philadelphia, 13*th June*, 1776.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Congress have just received Advice, that a Number of Disaffected Persons have got together in *Sussex* County, in *Delaware* Government; that there is Reason to apprehend those deluded People are supplied with Arms and Ammunition from the Men of War of our Enemies, and mean to act in Concert with them. As it is of the utmost Importance, that such Insurrections be immediately quelled and totally suppressed, the Congress have come to the following Resolution:

"That it be recommended to the Assembly of *Pennsylvania*, immediately to order a Battalion of the Provincial Rifle-Men, now at *Chester*, to march to the Assistance of the Militia in *Delaware* Government."

I doubt not you will see the Necessity of an immediate Compliance.

I have the Honour to be, GENTLEMEN,
Your obedient humble Servant,
JOHN HANCOCK, *President*."

Honourable Assembly of Pennsylvania.

The House taking the above into immediate Consideration,

Resolved, That this House will immediately send a Battalion of the Rifle-Men, in the Service of this Colony, to the Assistance of the Militia in *Delaware* Government.

Ordered, That Col. *Miles* issue Orders immediately for the marching of one Battalion of the said Rifle-Men, or a Detachment equal to a Battalion, on the above Service.

Upon Motion,

Ordered, That four Companies of the Musket-Battalion, in the Service of this Province, be removed from their present Station to the City of *Philadelphia* for Guards.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Speaker, with Thirty-six Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

June 14, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-five Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Howell*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Porter*, Mr. *Eddy* and Mr. *James Allen* be a Committee to examine and report the Number of Days the Delegates of this Province have attended in Congress this Year.

An Account of *Charles Moore*, Esq; late Clerk of the House, amounting to £176 3 6, was presented at the Table, which being read and agreed to,

Resolved, That a Certificate be made out and signed by the Speaker, in Favour of the said *Charles Moore*, Esq; for the above Sum.

A Member presented at the Table two Accounts of Mr. *Samuel Fairlamb*, for Provisions supplied the Troops in the Pay of this Province.

Referred to the Committee of Safety.

The Committee appointed for the Purpose, reported the Number of Days that the Delegates of this Province had attended in Congress, which being taken into Consideration,

Resolved, That the Honourable *John Morton*, *John Dickinson*, *Thomas Willing*, *Robert Morris*, *Andrew Allen*, *Benjamin Franklin*, *Charles Humphreys* and *Edward Biddle*, Esquires, be allowed *Twenty Shillings per Diem* for their Attendance on that Service.—And that *James Wilson*, Esq; be allowed *Twenty-five Shillings per Diem* for his Attendance on the same Service, on account of the increased Expence attending his great Distance from home.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-five Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and Orders to the Honourable *John Morton*, Esq; for £80; to *John Dickinson*, Esq; for £81; to *Thomas Willing*, Esq; for £197; to *Robert Morris*, Esq; for £168; to *Andrew Allen*, Esq; for £140; to *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; for £166; to *Charles Humphreys*, Esq; for £172; and to *James Wilson*, Esq; for £381 5; being made out agreeable to the Resolve of the Forenoon, were signed by the Speaker to be delivered to the said Gentlemen accordingly. An Order to *Charles Moore*, Esq; for the Sum of £176 3 6, being also made out, was signed by the Speaker to be delivered to him.

The Instructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congress, being transcribed according to Order, were signed by the Speaker, and follow in these Words, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

WHEN, by our Instructions of last *November*, we strictly enjoined you, in Behalf of this Colony, to dissent from and utterly reject any Propositions, should such be made, that might cause or lead to a Separation from *Great-Britain*, or a Change of the Form of this Government, our Restrictions did not arise from any Diffidence of your Ability, Prudence or Integrity, but from an earnest Desire to serve the good

People of *Pennsylvania* with Fidelity, in Times so full of alarming Dangers and perplexing Difficulties.

The Situation of public Affairs is since so greatly altered, that we now think ourselves justifiable in removing the Restrictions laid upon you by those Instructions.

The Contempt with which the last Petition of the Honourable Congress has been treated:——The late Act of Parliament, declaring the just Resistance of the Colonists, against Violences actually offered, to be Rebellion, excluding them from the Protection of the Crown, and even compelling some of them to bear Arms against their Country-men:——The Treaties of the King of *Great-Britain*, with other Princes, for engaging foreign Mercenaries to aid the Forces of that Kingdom, in their hostile Enterprizes, against *America*; and his Answer to the Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of *London*, manifests such a determined and implacable Resolution to effect the utter Destruction of these Colonies, that all Hopes of a Reconciliation, on reasonable Terms, are extinguished. Nevertheless, it is our ardent Desire, that a civil War, with all its attending Miseries, could be ended by a secure and honourable Peace.

We therefore hereby authorize you to concur with the other Delegates in Congress, in forming such further Compacts between the United Colonies, concluding such Treaties with foreign Kingdoms and States, and in adopting such other Measures as, upon a View of all Circumstances, shall be judged necessary for promoting the Liberty, Safety and Interests of *America*; reserving to the People of this Colony the sole and exclusive Right of regulating the internal Government and Police of the same.

The Happiness of these Colonies has, during the whole Course of this fatal Controversy, been our first Wish. Their Reconciliation with *Great-Britain* our next. Ardently have we prayed for the Accomplishment of both. But, if we must renounce the one or the other, we humbly trust in the Mercies of the Supreme Governor of the Universe, that we shall not stand condemned before his Throne, if our Choice is determined by that over-ruling Law of Self-preservation, which his divine Wisdom has thought fit to implant in the Hearts of his Creatures.

Signed by Order of the House,

JOHN MORTON, *Speaker.*"

The Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the

Conduct of the Committee of Safety, *&c.* being again read, was approved of, and is as follows, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they have examined into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, respecting the Whole of their Proceedings, and particularly the Supplies of Powder and Ammunition sent on board the Gallies, before and at the Time of their Engagements with the *Roebuck* and *Liverpool* Men of War; and, having heard their Allegations and Proofs, are of Opinion, that it appears, from incontestable Evidence, that, before the first Engagement, the Gallies were supplied with Thirty-three Rounds of Powder each, at the Proportion of One-third Weight of Powder to the Ball; that, during the said first Engagement, they received in Cartridges, and two Kegs of loose Powder, the Quantity of Eight Rounds more beyond their first Stock, and there was then ready to be delivered, and as supposed delivered to them, immediately after the first Engagement, while the *Roebuck* lay a-ground, the Quantity of Eleven Rounds each, besides Three Hundred Weight sent from *Wilmington*, and what remained unexpended in the Engagement: That, on the Day of the second Engagement, each Galley had Sixty-seven Rounds of Powder, including the Supplies sent them, in Addition to what remained on Hand, after the first Day's Engagement.—— Your Committee are further of Opinion, that, during both the Engagements, the Gallies were sufficiently supplied with all other Kinds of necessary Ammunition; that, their not having taken the *Roebuck*, was not owing to any Deficiency in the above Articles, and that the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, on that Occasion, evidenced the greatest Zeal and Attention to the public Service.

THOMAS POTTS,	JOSEPH PENNOCK,
JONATHAN ROBERTS,	BARTRAM GALBREATH,
WILLIAM RODMAN,	JAMES EWING,
GERARDUS WYNKOOP,	SAMUEL EDIE,
JOHN FOULKE,	JAMES RANKIN,
BENJAMIN CHAPMAN,	JONATHAN HOGE,
DAVID TWINING,	JOHN LESHER,
THOMAS JENKS, jun.	JAMES ALLEN,
ISAAC PEARSON,	JACOB ARNDT,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS,	JAMES POTTER."

A Protest of the Board of Officers of the Five Battalions of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The PROTEST of the BOARD of OFFICERS of the FIVE BATTALIONS of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT this Board address you by the Title heretofore used to the Honourable House of Assembly, in order to avoid the least Appearance of Disrespect to the Honourable Members now sitting:—That this Board has received Information, that the Honourable Congress of the United Colonies has recommended to this *Colony* to appoint two Brigadiers General to command the Associators of this Province:—And, we apprehending, that this House may be induced to take upon them to nominate and appoint the said Brigadiers General, without having the Authority of the Associators for that Purpose:—And further apprehending, that any Nomination made by this Honourable House will not give Satisfaction to the Associators of the Province, and, consequently, that they will not act under them.

For these and other weighty and important Considerations, this Board do hereby protest against this Honourable House making, or attempting to make, the said Appointments.

Signed by Order,

DANIEL ROBERDEAU, *President.*"

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Resolved, by the Members of Assembly now met, That they are earnestly desirous of carrying into Execution the Resolutions of Congress of the First Instant; but that, as they despair, after repeated Disappointments, of procuring a Quorum of the House, they find themselves unable, at this Time, to proceed on the said Resolutions. *

Ordered, That the Delegates of this Colony lay the foregoing Resolution before the Honourable Congress.

The Report of the Committee, respecting the making of Salt, was taken into Consideration, and referred to the Committee of Safety.

The Sergeant at Arms not having brought in his Account of Expences, in going for the absent Members,

Ordered, That *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; examine and pay the

* There were Thirty-six Members present, when this Resolution passed the House.

said Account, out of the *Eighty-five Thousand Pounds* emitted by the Resolves of Assembly, when exhibited to him for that Purpose.

A Protest of the Committee of Privates of the Military Association, belonging to the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* General Assembly *met.*

The PROTEST of the COMMITTEE of PRIVATES of the Military Association belonging to the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT this Committee, understanding that the Honourable Congress has recommended to this Colony to appoint two Brigadiers General to command the Associators of this Province, do protest against any Appointment of said Brigadiers General to be made by this House.

Because there is no regular Militia Law which obliges the Constituents of this House to become Associators, or to send Persons in their Room, if they decline associating; therefore the Association is not properly Provincial, and of Consequence this House is not properly constituted to be competent to the Business, nor can the Appointment come before them as a Provincial Representation.

Because many of the Associators have been excluded, by this very House, from voting for the Members now composing it, though this House was applied to on their Behalf; and therefore they are not represented in this House.

Because the Counties, which have the greatest Number of Associators, have not a proportional Representation; and therefore cannot be considered as having an equal Voice in the Nomination.

Because the Association has been voluntary. And this House choosing, by their Resolutions respecting it, that it should remain so; therefore cannot interfere, nor in any wise, consistent with Decency, attempt to impose Officers upon us not of our Choice.

Because many Members of this House are the Representatives of Persons in religious Profession, like themselves totally averse to Military Defence, and therefore cannot be called the Representatives of Associators; nor do we wish to inter-

fere so much with their religious Sentiments as to reduce them to the Necessity of quitting their Seats, or joining in the Nomination.

Because it is well known that there are Men in this House, who have, ever since our first Opposition to *Great-Britain*, refused to concur in any Measure necessary for Defence, and we have Reason to fear that some are disposed to break the Union of the Colonies, and submit to the Tyranny of *Great-Britain*.

Because this House is under no Oaths of Fidelity to their Constituents, by which they would be bound to consult their Interests; nor are they proper Persons to make the Oaths which are to bind themselves.

Because, though the Members of this House, who were under Oaths of Allegiance to the Crown, consider themselves absolved therefrom, and have admitted the new elected Members to their Seats without taking said Oaths, thereby dissolving the old Constitution, and finally abolishing the Charter; yet effectual Care is taken to head the several Pages of their Resolves, as usual, with "VOTES *of the* ASSEMBLY. *JOHN PENN*, Esq; Governor." without the Assent of the People for this Purpose.——These Things wear such a Face of Design as renders the Intentions of this House suspicious; and we think a House still confessing the King's Representative their Governor, cannot safely be trusted with the Appointment of Generals to command us, lest they might give us such as would enable a certain Party to make up with the Enemy at the Expence of our Lives and Liberties.

Because a House which shewed itself so unfriendly to the Association at a Time when so much depended on their Exertions, as, after frequent and repeated Applications for Justice, to impose no more than *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence* Fine on Non-Associators for every Day of general Muster, and that in so lax a Manner, that it is a Question, whether it will ever be collected, is not to be trusted with the Appointment of Generals to command us, lest they shew as little Regard to our Interest in the one Case as in the other.

Because, as this House was chosen by those only, who were acknowledged the liege Subjects of *George* our Enemy, and derived the sole Right of electing this House from that very Circumstance, we conceive that the Moment they undertook to set aside this Allegiance, they, by that very Act, destroyed the only Principle on which they sat as Representatives: and therefore are not a House on the Principles on which they

were elected; and having derived no new Authority from the People, freed from such Allegiance, they are a Representative Body on no one Principle whatever; and therefore can, in no Manner, undertake to do the Business of Representatives, further than the People indulge them, without usurping Authority, and acting arbitrarily.

Because the Associators have the Right of appointing Officers to command them, and mean ever to retain it.

We therefore protest against, and declare we will not submit to, any Appointment of General Officers to command us, which this House may think proper to go into.

Nevertheless, that the Resolve of Congress may be fully complied with, we have taken the proper Steps to have a Number of Associators, Representatives from every Battalion in the Province, collected together as soon as possible, to proceed to the Choice of said Brigadiers General, under whom we doubt not but the Associators will serve with Chearfulness, and they, being the Officers of their Choice, will have the Confidence of the Associators.

Signed by Order of the Committee of Privates,

SAMUEL SIMPSON, *President.*"

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the Twenty-sixth Day of *August*, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

August 26, 1776.

MR. Speaker, with Seventeen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to To-morrow, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

August 27, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Seventeen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Half past Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

August 28, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, by the Members present, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Jacobs* be a Committee to examine the Accounts of the incidental Expences of the past Year, and report the same to the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk write to the Members, who are now absent, requesting their Attendance at the Time of Adjournment.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the Twenty-third Day of *September* next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

September 23, 1776.

MR. Speaker, with Twenty-three Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to To-morrow, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

September 24, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-eight Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed, at the last Sitting, to examine the Accounts of the incidental Expences of the past Year, made their Report.

Upon Consideration of which the following Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* shall be allowed to the Governor, for his Support, during the present Year?

Carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Gray*,	Mr. *Pyle*,	Mr. *Hillegas*,
Mr. *Howell*,	Mr. *Rankin*,	Mr. *Parker*,
Mr. *A. Allen*,	Mr. *Chreist*,	Mr. *Bartholomew*,
Mr. *Wilcocks*,	Mr. *James Allen*.	Mr. *Gibbons*,
Mr. *Rodman*,		Mr. *Pearson*,
Mr. *Haney*,		Mr. *Jacobs*,
Mr. *Foulke*,		Mr. *Porter*,
Mr. *Chapman*,		Mr. *Galbreath*,
Mr. *Brown*,		Mr. *Hoge*,
Mr. *Jenks*,		Mr. *Whitehill*,
Mr. *Humphreys*,		Mr. *Arndt*,
Mr. *Pennock*,		Mr. *Smith*.

The House having made some Progress in the said Report of incidental Expences, adjourned to To-morrow, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

September 25, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to audit and settle the public Accounts, reported a general State of the same in Writing.

The House resumed the Consideration of the incidental Expences, and having made some further Progress in examining the same,

Adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

September 26, 1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-one Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The House proceeded to read the Report of the Committee on the public Accounts, which being in Part gone through, they adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-three Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The House proceeded in Reading the Report of the Committee on the public Accounts, which being gone through, and carefully examined, follows in these Words, *viz.*

REPORT *of the* COMMITTEE *of the* ASSEMBLY, *on the* STATE *of the* PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1776.

PURSUANT to the Appointment of the HOUSE, WE *have inspected and examined the several Public Accounts mentioned in this* REPORT, *and have burnt, sunk and destroyed the different Parcels of* BILLS *of* CREDIT, *as mentioned and specified in the same; the State of all which is as follows*, viz.

WE FIND, THAT

SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE, on Behalf of the Trustees of the late Loan-Office, hath received, since last Year's Settlement, sundry principal Sums or Quotas due on the Mortgages, (put under his Care by the said Trustees, on the 21st of October, 1767) for which he credits the Province, By Cash received from sundry Persons from September 6, 1775, to September 2, 1776, for

QUOTAS due on the several Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, Three Hundred and Ninety-three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, — — — — £ 393 15 0

And he Charges,

To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of Assembly, and by them burnt and destroyed according to Law, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 393 15 0

On Account of Interest, on the said Mortgages, he Credits,

By Balance remaining in his Hands, per Account settled last Year, — — — —	£	725	13	1½
By Cash received of sundry Persons, for Interest due on their several Mortgages, — — — — — — — — — — —		132	4	2
			£	857 17 3½

And he Charges,

To Cash paid the following Order of the Assembly, viz. George Ross, his Attendance in Congress, — — — — — — — — — —	£	62	15	0
To his own Salary, or Allowance for four Years, ending October 21, 1775, at £ 40, per Annum, — — — — —		160	0	0
	£	222	15	0
To Balance in the Hands of Samuel Preston Moore, of Interest-Money, —		635	2	3½
			£	857 17 3½

Which Sum of Six Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds, Two Shillings and Three-pence Half-penny, we have counted.

QUOTAS remaining due on 39 Mortgages, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — —	£	984	0 0
Of which Samuel Preston Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee, since that Time, and by them hath been burnt and destroyed, as already mentioned, — — — —		393	15 0
QUOTAS remaining due on 17 Mortgages, — — — — — — — — — —	£	590	5 0

The TRUSTEES of the present Loan-Office, for emitting the Sum of £ 150,000, have laid before the Committee the following State of that LOAN, *viz.*

They Credit the Province,

By Bills of Credit lent to sundry Persons on Behalf of the Province, On 994 Mortgages, as mentioned last Year, — — — — — — — — —				£	148,400 0 0
5 Mortgages of which have been since paid off, — — — — — —	£	596	0 0		
And on 989 remaining Mortgages, there has been since paid, On only 680 of the same Mortgages, of Quota-Money, — — — — — —		6432	5 0	£	7028 5 0
But on 309 Mortgages, no Payment hath been made.					
Balance of Principal outstanding on Loan on the first Emission, — —				£	141,371 15 0
There has been re-emitted on Loan, on 64 Mortgages, from September 8, 1775, to the 6th Day of July, 1776, the Sum of — — — — — — — — —				£	6997 10 0
Whole Principal-Money at Interest, September 2, 1776, — — — — —				£	148,369 5 0
Balance of Principal-Money in the Trustees Hands, — — — — — — —					30 15 0
				£	148,400 0 0

This Sum of £ 148,400, with £ 800 to Northumberland County, and £ 800 to the County of Bedford, per Act of Assembly, makes the whole Sum of £ 150,000.

They also Credit the said Province,

By Interest-Money in the Trustees Hands, at last Settlement, — — —	£	9	5 6		
And Interest received since, on 679 Mortgages, to the 31st of August, 1776, — — — — — — — — — —		5965	0 0	£	5974 5 6

And they Debit the Province,

To the Valuation of 4 Tracts of Land in Cumberland County, — — — —	£	0	15 0		
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£	0	15 0	£	5974 5 6

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£	0	15	0	£	5974	5 6
To repairing Drawers in State-house, for better securing the Title-Deeds,		0	2	6			
To taking out a Sash-Window in Loan-Office, in order to get the Iron-Chest brought in, — — — — — — —		0	5	0			
To a Chest to place in the Iron-Chest,		1	17	6			
To Cash paid Henry Miller for advertising, — — — — — — — — — —		0	16	0			
To Cash paid for Boards and making Cases for Title-Deeds, — — — — — —		2	9	4			
To the Trustees Salary for 2½ Years, ending September 1, 1776, at £ 600 per Annum, — — — — — — — —		1500	0	0			
	£	1506	5	4			
Balance of Interest, — — — — —		4468	0	2			
					£	5974	5 6

The Trustees of the present Loan-Office, Dr.

To Balance of Principal-Money in their Hands, as before, — — — — — — —	£	30	15	0			
To Balance of Interest, as before, —		4468	0	2			
Whole of Principal and Interest in the Trustees Hands, September 2, 1776, Which Principal and Interest we have counted.					£	4498	15 2

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the several* COUNTIES *for the* PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

Philadelphia County for the Provincial Taxes, *Barnaby Barnes,* Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the Committee, September 11, 1775, — —	£	309	5	3¼			
To a Drawback of Collector's Fees on £ 190 10,—Deficiencies at 2½ per Cent, — — — — — — — — — —		4	15	3			
To Amount of Tax received, not before accounted for, Collector's Commissions being first deducted, — — —		3	2	10¾			
					£	317	3 5
CONTRA		Cr.					
By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already adjusted, viz.							
1776. Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c.	£	190	10	0			
August 21. By Cash paid Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — —		125	8	4			
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 125 8 4, at 20s. per Cent. —		1	5	1			
					£	317	3 5

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining as settled by the Committee, September 11, 1775, — —	£	7550	15	9¾			
To a Drawback of Collector's Fees on £ 49 6.—Tax not collected, — — —		1	4	7¼			
To Amount of Tax received, not before accounted for, Collector's Commissions being first deducted, — — —		7	6	3			
					£	7559	6 8

CONTRA Cr.

By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already adjusted, viz.			
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — — —	£ 48 11 0		
Ditto per Order of Commissioners, — —	0 15 0		
		£ 49 6 0	
Cash paid Commissioner's Orders, viz. Clerk's Fees, Stationary, &c. — —	£ 27 8 7		
1775. By Cash paid Owen Jones, late Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
Novem. 6. One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds, 2s9, — — — — — —	£1158 2 9		
Dec. 30. One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds, 1s7,	1579 1 7		
1776.			
March 12. One Thousand Four Hundred and Seven Pounds, 4s1,	1407 4 1		
By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
June 18. One Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds, 19s1,	1361 19 1		
August 22. Four Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds, 10s. — — —	421 10 0		
		£ 5955 6 1	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 5955 6 1, at 20s. per Cent. —		59 11 0	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — —		1495 3 7	
			£ 7559 6 8

On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

To the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — — — £12,170 11 0

CONTRA Cr.

By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz.			
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — —	£ 173 10 9		
Collectors Fees, — —	299 18 2¼		
		£ 473 8 11¼	
County Commissioners Fees, — — — —	£ 33 6 0		
County Assessors ditto,	77 0 0		
Township and Ward Assessors ditto, —	123 0 0		
Clerks Fees and other Expences, — — —	117 6 5		
	£ 350 12 5		
1776. By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz.			
Carried forward — —	£ 350 12 5	£ 473 8 11½	

Carried forward — —	£	350	12	5	£	473	8 11½
June 21. One Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds, 1s7, — — — — —	£1367	1	7				
August 6. One Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds, 11s4½, — — — —	1460	11	4½				
				£	3178	5 4½	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 3178 5 4½, at 20s. per Cent.					31	15 7¾	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — —					8487	1 0½	
							£12,170 11 0

Bucks County for the Provincial Taxes, *Joseph Chapman*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance remaining, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						£	28 11 10½
CONTRA						Cr.	
By Collector's Fees, not before adjusted, — — — — — — — — — —				£	0 13 11		
1776. By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
August 20. Twenty-seven Pounds, 12s5½,					27 12 5½		
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 27 12 5½, at 20s. per Cent. —					0 5 6		
						£	28 11 10½

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance remaining as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						£	525 12 1
CONTRA						Cr.	
By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already adjusted, viz.							
Deficiencies for Insolvents, — — — —	£	17	0	0			
Collector's Fees, — —		10	5	0			
				£	27	5 0	
1776. By Cash paid Owen Jones, late Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
March 12. Two Hundred Pounds, — — —	£	200	0	0			
April 24. One Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds, — — — —		127	0	0			
By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
June 18. Eighty-three Pounds, — — — —		83	0	0			
				£	410	0 0	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £410, at 20s. per Cent, — —					4	2 0	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — —					84	5 1	
						£	525 12 1

On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, — — — — — — — —						£	2074 15 0
CONTRA						Cr.	
By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.							
Collectors Fees, — —				£	21 10 4		
County Commissioners Fees, — — — — —	£	36	5 6				
County Assessors ditto,		30	15 0				
Township Assessors ditto, — — — —		64	5 0				
Clerks Fees, &c. —		43	8 0				
				£	174 13 6		
1776. By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
June 18. Three Hundred Pounds, — — — —	£	300	0 0				
August 20. Three Hundred & Fifty-eight Pounds & 2*d* — —		358	0 2				
				£	658 0 2		
				£	832 13 8		
County Treasurers Commissions of £832 13 8, at 20s. per Cent. —	£	8	6 6				
Mileage, — — — — —		0	13 0				
					8 19 6		
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —					1211 11 6		
						£	2074 15 0

Chester County for the Provincial Taxes, *James Gibbons*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance remaining, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						£	19 17 4
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —						Cr.	
1776. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
February 13. Eighteen Pounds, 10s. — — —	£	18	10 0				
County Treasurers Commissions on £18 10, at 20s. per Cent.		0	3 8				
				£	18 13 8		
Balance remaining, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — — —					1 3 8		
						£	19 17 4

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance remaining, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —						£	500 13 1
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —						Cr.	
1776. By Cash paid Owen Jones, late Provincial Treasurer, viz.							
Feb. 29. One Hundred & Sixty-three Pounds, 8s8, — — — — — —	£	163	8 8				
Carried forward — —	£	163	8 8			£	500 13 1

Brought forward — —	£	163	8	8				£	500 13 1
By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz.									
1776.									
May 31. Three Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds 16s11½, —		327	16	11½					
					£	491	5	7½	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £491 5 7½, at 20s. per Cent. —						4	18	3	
					£	496	3	10½	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — —						4	9	2½	
								£	500 13 1

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance remaining, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — —					£	3480	13	4½	
To a Drawback on Collector's Fees on Tax not collected, — — — — — —						3	11	5½	
								£	3484 4 10
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —								Cr.	
By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already adjusted, viz.									
Deficiencies, — — —					£	142	19	0	
County Commissioner's Fees, — — — —	£	2	18	0					
County Assessor's ditto, — — — —		4	15	0					
Township Assessor's ditto, — — — —		21	2	9					
Clerk's Fees, — —		0	18	0					
	£	29	13	9					
1775. By Cash paid Owen Jones, late Provincial Treasurer, viz									
October 30. Forty-five Pounds, 17s6, — —	£	45	17	6					
1776.									
Feb. 13. Six Hundred & Eighty-five Pounds, 1s10, — — — — —		685	1	10					
March 29. One Hundred & Thirty-nine Pounds, 6s. — — — — —		139	6	0					
May 8. Fifty-two Pounds, 7s6, — — —		52	7	6					
20. Forty-three Pounds, 15s. — — —		43	15	0					
By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz.									
31. Three Hundred & Forty-four Pounds, 13s0½, — — — —		344	13	0½					
Aug. 28. Twenty Pounds, 7s6, — — —		20	7	6					
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1361 2 1½, at 20s. per Cent.		13	12	2½					
					£	1374	14	4	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — — —						1966	11	6	
								£	3484 4 10

On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, — — — — — — —				£	3961 8 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.		
By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz.					
Deficiencies, — — —	£	9 10 0			
Collector's Fees, —		98 15 11½			
			£	108 5 11½	
County Commissioner's Fees, — — — —	£	28 2 6			
County Assessor's ditto, — — — —		49 19 0			
Township Assessor's ditto, — — — —		65 15 0			
Clerk's ditto, &c. —		28 17 0			
	£	172 13 6			
1776. By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz.					
June 14. Forty-seven Pounds, 5s. — — —	£	47 5 0			
August 28. Four Hundred & Fifty-nine Pounds, 15s6, — —		459 15 6			
			£	679 14 0	
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 679 14 0, at 20s. per Cent. —	£	6 15 11			
Mileage, — — —		0 12 0			
			£	7 7 11	
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, —				3166 1 1½	
					£ 3961 8 0

Lancaster County for the Provincial Taxes, *Christian Wertz*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance remaining, as settled by the Committee last Year, —	£	2073 9 11
The said Treasurer, for the County of Lancaster, hath not exhibited any Account of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, nor has he paid any Money on the same:—But we find he has paid to the late Provincial Treasurer, Owen Jones, since the above Settlement of the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, in Part of that Balance, the Sum of — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	1350 0 0

York County for the Provincial Taxes, *Robert M'Pherson*, late Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance remaining, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	60 10 4

Of which no Part hath been paid.

On Account of Taxes due from the Estates of Non-Residents, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee the two last Years, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	340	11	6½
Of which no Part hath been paid.				

York County for the Provincial Taxes, *Michael Swoope*, Esq; Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance remaining, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	1869 2 2
The said Treasurer, for the County of York, hath not exhibited any Account of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, nor has he paid any Money on the same:—But we find he has paid, since last Settlement, on the above Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax and in Part of that Balance as follows, viz.						
To Owen Jones, late Treasurer, Three Hundred and Two Pounds, 6s10, —	£	302	6	10		
And to Michael Hillegas, present Treasurer, Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds, 8s1 — — — — — — — — — —		350	8	1		
	£	652	14	11		

Cumberland County for the Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Esq; Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax.					£	243 0 6¾
To Balance due thereon, at last Settlement, — — — — On Account of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax.						264 16 7
To Balance due thereon, at last Settlement, — — — On Account of the Fifteenth Eighteen-penny Tax.						177 7 3½
To Balance due thereon, at last Settlement, — — — On Account of the Sixteenth Eighteen-penny Tax.						259 15 0
To Balance due, at last Settlement, — — — — — — On Account of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax.						366 19 11
To Balance remaining due at last Settlement, — — — On Account of the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax.						531 13 4
To Balance due, at last Settlement, — — — — — —						2333 13 8
No Account hath been exhibited by the Treasurer for the County of Cumberland, of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax:—But we find several Payments have been made, since last Settlement, in Part of several of the Balances above-mentioned, viz, On the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Eighteen-penny Taxes.						
To Owen Jones, late Treasurer, One Hundred Pounds, — — — — — — On the Sixteenth Eighteen-penny Tax.	£	100	0	0		
To Michael Hillegas, present Treasurer, One Pound, 17s6, — — — — — —		1	17	6		

On the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax.							
To Owen Jones, late Treasurer, One Hundred and Forty-three Pounds, 11s7, — —	£	143	11	7			
To Michael Hillegas, present Treasurer Sixty-five Pounds, 6s6½ — — — — —		65	6	6½			
					£	208 18	1½
On the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax.							
To Michael Hillegas, Two Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds, 12s1, — — — —						266 12	1
And there has likewise been paid to Michael Hillegas, present Provincial Treasurer, by Stephen Duncan, now Treasurer for the County of Cumberland, on Account of Tax due from that County, the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, 3s6, — — — — — — — —						200 3	6

Berks County for the Provincial Taxes, *Christopher Whitman*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance due at last Settlement, said to be outstanding,					£	885 10	7
No Account hath been exhibited by the said Treasurer for the County of Berks, of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax:—But we find he has paid the Provincial Treasurer, since the last Settlement, the Sums following, viz.							
On the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax.							
To Owen Jones, late Treasurer, in Part of the above Balance, Four Hundred Pounds, — — — — — — — — —					£	400 0	0
On the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax.							
To Owen Jones, late Treasurer, Five Hundred Pounds, — — —	£	500	0	0			
To Michael Hillegas, present Treasurer, Six Hundred Pounds, —		600	0	0			
					£	1100 0	0

Northampton County for the Provincial Taxes, *Herman Snyder*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance due thereon, at last Settlement, — — — —					£	318 3	3½
Since which Settlement, we find the said Herman Snyder hath paid to Owen Jones, late Provincial Treasurer, towards the above Balance, the Sum of					£	315 0	0

Northampton County for the Provincial Taxes, *John Mush*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

NO Account hath been exhibited by the said Treasurer, of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax for the County of Northampton:—But we find there has been paid to Owen Jones, late Provincial Treasurer, by the said John Mush, on said Tax, — — —— — — £ 798 0 0

N. B. Since the above, the whole Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax hath been settled and paid off.

THE Treasurer for the County of Bedford hath not exhibited any Account of the Eighteenth or Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Taxes, nor has he paid any Money to the Provincial Treasurer, on Account of the same, or on the Balances due from that County on the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Taxes, as reported 1774 and 1775.

THE Treasurer for the County of Northumberland hath not exhibited any Account of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, nor has he paid any Money to the Provincial Treasurer, on Account of the same, or on the Balances due from that County on the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Taxes, reported last Year.

THE Treasurer for the County of Westmoreland hath not exhibited any Account either of the Seventeenth, Eighteenth or Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Taxes, nor has he paid any Money on Account of any of the said Taxes to the Provincial Treasurer.

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the* Honourable the PROPRIETARIES.

The ESTATE of the Honourable the PROPRIETARIES of *Pennsylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as settled by the Commissioners of the respective Counties, — — Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province, as reported last Year, exclusive of their Taxes in several of the Counties, — £ 1944 12 11¼

No Account hath been brought in of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax of the Estate of the Honourable the Proprietaries:—But we find there has been paid, on their Behalf, into the Provincial Treasury, since last Settlement, by Edmund Physick, as follows, viz.

To Owen Jones, One Thousand Four Hundred Pounds, — — — — £1400 0 0

To Michael Hillegas, Five Hundred Pounds, 500 0 0

£ 1900 0 0

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of* EXCISE *on* SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, *in the several Counties*, viz.

The ESTATE of *Joseph Stretch*, deceased, late Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, — — — Dr.

TO Balance of Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	320 12 7½
Which Sum yet remains undischarged.						

William Crispin, Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, — — — — — — — — — Dr.

TO Balance remaining at last Settlement,	£	580	15	11	
To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1775, to July 1, 1776, — — — — — — — —		2327	19	4	
To Amount of sundry Cash-Entries, — —		268	16	0	
To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures,		19	7	6	
					£ 3196 18 9
CONTRA — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, August 23, 1776, —	£	1303	9	0	
By Commissions on £1303 9 0, at 5 per Cent. — — — — — — — —		65	3	5	
Balance due to the Province, — — —		1828	6	4	
					£ 3196 18 9

John Woolston, Collector for *Bucks* County, — — Dr.

TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1775, to August 22, 1776, — — — — —	£	201	8	8	
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — — —		67	18	4	
					£ 269 7 0
CONTRA —— —— —— —— ——				Cr.	
By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times,	£	242	8	4	
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent. —		26	18	8	
					£ 269 7 0

Thomas Tucker, Collector for *Chester* County, — — Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — —	£	279	3	8	
To Amount of Excise from August 1, 1775, to August 1, 1776, — — — —		319	1	0	
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — —		152	17	4	
					£ 751 2 0
CONTRA —— —— —— —— ——				Cr.	
By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, August 24, 1776, —	£	270	15	9	
By Account of Debts of Persons who became insolvent, — — — — — —		12	9	2	
By his Commissions on £ 270 15 9, at 10 per Cent. — — — — — — — —		27	1	6	
By Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — — — —		440	15	7	
					£ 751 2 0

Sebastian Graff, Collector for *Lancaster* County, — Dr.

TO Balance remaining due on Settlement last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 454 8 8

No Account of Excise hath been rendered by Sebastian Graff, since the Settlement last Year, nor any Money paid by him into the Treasury.

NO Account of Excise hath been rendered by Henry Miller, Collector for York County, for the two last Years, nor any Money paid by him into the Treasury, since last Year's Report.

THOMAS BEARD, sen. late Collector for Cumberland County, hath not rendered any Account of Excise for that County since August 10, 1774, nor hath any Account been exhibited by his Son, Thomas Beard, jun. present Collector:—But we find the said present Collector hath paid to Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, June 15, 1776, — — — — — — — — £ 23 0 0

The ESTATE of *Jasper Scull*, deceased, late Collector for *Berks* County, — — — — — — — — — — Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee the two last Years, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 135 10 2
Of which no Part hath been paid.

John Biddle, present Collector for *Berks* County, — Dr.

TO Balance due as reported 1774, and the same Balance continued and reported by the Committee 1775, — — £ 114 7 1

No Account hath been rendered by the Collector for Berks County for two Years past, nor any Money paid by him into the Provincial Treasury within that Time.

Jesse Jones, Collector for *Northampton* County, — Dr.

TO Balance remaining unpaid at last Year's Settlement, — — — — — — £ 17 7 2

NO Account of Excise hath been rendered by the Collector for Northampton County for the Year past, nor any Money paid by him into the Provincial Treasury since last Year's Settlement.

NO Account of Excise hath been rendered by the Collector of the County of Bedford for these four Years past, nor has any Money been paid into the Provincial Treasury for Excise, from that County within that Time.

NO Account hath been rendered by any Person, on Behalf of the Estate of Thomas Lemon, late Collector of Excise for Northumberland County, to the Time of his Decease, nor has any Money been paid by him in his Life-time, nor by any Person, on Behalf of his Estate, since his Decease, into the Provincial Treasury, save only Forty-two Pounds, Eleven Shillings, reported by the Committee the two Years past.

ALEXANDER HUNTER, the present Collector for the said County of Northumberland, hath not exhibited any Accounts for Excise, since his Appointment; but he paid into the Provincial Treasury Twelve Pounds, Three Shillings and Ten-pence, as reported by the Committee last Year, since which no Payment hath been made.

JAMES KINKEAD, Collector of Excise for the County of Westmoreland, hath not rendered any Account for Excise for four Years past, nor has any Money been paid into the Provincial Treasury on that Account from the said County.

STATE *of other* ACCOUNTS, *viz.*

THOMAS COOMBE, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships appropriated for supporting a Light-house at Cape Henlopen, hath not rendered any Account of the Tonnage of Ships, since last Year's Settlement.

THOMAS COOMBE, on Account of the Money received for the Hospital on the Province-Island, in Pursuance of the Act of Assembly entituled, "An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province," passed January 22, 1774, hath not rendered any Account since last Settlement.

NO Account of Negro-Duty hath been rendered since the Report of the Committee last Year; to which Report we refer.

Samuel Penrose, on Account of the *Province-Island*, — Dr.

TO Rent due on his Lease for said Island, and for Interest due on £ 570, to the 6th of September, 1775, as reported last Year, — — — — — — —		£ 602 13 8	
To Rent of the said Island to the 6th of September, 1776, — —	£ 401 0 0		
Interest on the £ 570, the Amount of the new Improvements,	34 4 0		
		£ 435 4 0	
			£ 1037 17 8

Of which no Part hath been paid.

The WARDENS of the Port of *Philadelphia*, appointed *per* Act of Assembly passed the 26th of *February*, 1773, — Dr.

TO Balance in the Hands of the Wardens, as settled by the Committee, September 23, 1775, — — — — — — —		£ 4800 11 5½	
To Cash received of the Committee of Safety for Hire of a Sloop and Flat, and for Cables and Spars, — — — —		381 10 0	
To Cash received of Arthur Donaldson for 3 Spars, — — — — — — — — — —		15 0 0	
			£ 5197 1 5½

CONTRA —— —— —— —— —— Cr.					
By Cash paid sundry Persons for Materials and Workmanship on the Piers in the River Delaware, Shallop-men, Flat-men and Labourers Wages, Wardens Attendance, &c. as per Account and Vouchers, — — — — — — — —	£	1598	1	3½	
By Cash paid sundry Persons for the Support of the Light-house, &c. including Wages to John and his Widow Hitchcock, to the 10th of September, 1776, and for Oil, &c. &c. as per Account of Particulars brought in, —		636	5	7½	
Balance in the Hands of the Wardens,		2962	14	6½	
					£ 5197 1 5½

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of OWEN JONES*, late PROVINCIAL TREASURER, *viz.*

On Account of the *Province-Island*, — — — — — Dr.

TO Balance in his Hands, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — —	£	99	11	8	
To Cash received of Samuel Penrose at twice, — — — — — — — — — —		241	5	0	
Balance due Owen Jones on this Account, which was paid to him by Michael Hillegas, — — — — — —		1	18	7	
					£ 342 15 3

CONTRA —— —— —— —— —— Cr.					
1775.					
October					
10. By Cash paid John Palmer, in Part of his Order, — — — —	£	95	0	0	
November					
1. By ditto paid Thomas Willing, Attendance in Congress, — — —		74	15	0	
3. By ditto paid Benjamin Franklin, ditto — ditto, — — — — — —		91	15	0	
7. By ditto paid John Morton, ditto — ditto, — — — — — — — —		59	15	0	
December					
12. By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, for Money advanced on Account of the Island, — — — — — — — —		5	3	11	
	£	326	8	11	
By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent,		16	6	4	
					£ 342 15 3

On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Use, Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	219	14	3

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

On Account of the Duties and Tonnage of Ships for Supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, — — — — Dr.

TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	300	15	1

CONTRA —— —— —— —— —— Cr.					
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	295	12	0	
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent.		1	9	6	
Balance, which he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas, — —		3	13	7	
					£ 300 15 1

On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*, — Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£ 3217 7 2
CONTRA —— —— —— —— —— Cr.					
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, viz.					
Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 20, 1767, being Part of the £20,000, —	£ 152	0	0		
Of the Bills issued per Act passed February 18, 1769, being Part of the £ 16,000, —	208	8	0		
Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, being Part of the £ 7000, — —	251	10	0		
Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 21, 1772, being Part of the £ 25,000, —	272	3	3		
Of the Bills issued per Act passed September 30, 1775, being Part of the £ 22,000, — — —	2180	1	9		
	£	3064	3	0	
By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent. —		153	4	2	
					£ 3217 7 2

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes, — — — — — — — — — Dr.

TO Cash received of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£ 100 0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — Cr.					
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	99	15	0	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent. —		0	5	0	
					£ 100 0 0

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of James Gibbons, Chester County, — —					£ 18 10 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — Cr.					
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	18	9	2	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent.		0	0	10	
					£ 18 10 0

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining in his Hands September, 1775, — — — — — — — —	£	10,469	10	9	
To Cash received of James Gibbons, Chester County, — — — — — — — —		163	8	8	
of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, — — — — —		143	11	7	
					£ 10,776 11 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.	
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	7166	13	2½	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent. —		17	18	4½	
Balance, which he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas, — — —		3591	19	5	
					£ 10,776 11 0

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining in his Hands September, 1775, — — — — — — —	£	12,222	14	7	
To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Philadelphia County, — — — — —		4,144	8	5	
of Joseph Chapman, Bucks County,		327	0	0	
of James Gibbons, Chester County,		966	7	10	
of Christian Wertz, Lancaster County, — — — — — — — — —		1,350	0	0	
of Michael Swoope, York County,		302	6	10	
of Christopher Whitman, Berks County, — — — — — — — — —		400	0	0	
of Herman Snider, Northampton County, — — — — — — — — —		315	0	0	
					£ 20,027 17 8

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Christopher Whitman, Berks County, — — — — — —	£	500	0	0	
of John Musb, Northampton County,		798	0	0	
					£ 1298 0 0

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

On Account of the Honourable Proprietaries Taxes, — Dr.

TO Cash received of Edmund Physick, — — — — — — —	£ 1400 0 0

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

On Account of the £5000, appropriated for defraying *Indian* Treaties, *per* Act passed *May* 14, 1762, — — — Dr.

TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£ 331 12 3

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

On Account of the Act for appropriating £5000 to purchase Ground adjoining the State-House Lots, passed *May* 14, 1762,

Dr.

TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	998	10	8

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

On Account of the Act for erecting Piers in the River *Delaware*, passed *March* 18, 1775, — — — — — Dr.

TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	774	0	0

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

On Account of the Act for raising £22,000 for the Support of Government, passed *September* 30, 1775, — — — Dr.

TO Cash received of Michael Hillegas, struck in Pursuance of the said Act, —					£22,000	0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Cash paid the following Certificates and Orders, viz.						
William Thompson, for Rangers, —	£	60	0	0		
William Thompson, ditto, — — —		759	1	7½		
Michael Hillegas, for extra Services, — — — — — — — — — —		75	0	0		
Michael Hillegas, Expence repairing Deep-Water Island, — — —		45	4	1		
Thomas Dewees, — — — — — — —		30	0	0		
Charles Moore, Clerk of Assembly,		200	2	6		
John Lawrence, Esq; Assistant-Judge, — — — — — — — — — —		200	0	0		
William Bausman, Barrack-Master, Lancaster, — — — — — — — —		7	0	0		
William Bausman, — — — — — —		3	9	0		
William Sheed, Door-keeper to the Council, — — — — — — — — —		3	15	0		
William Sheed, Sergeant at Arms, —		10	0	0		
Benjamin Chew, Esq; Chief Judge, —		400	0	0		
William Dewees, for taking Andrew Stuart, — — — — — — — — — —		16	9	0		
Overseers of the Poor, for French Neutrals, — — — — — — — — —		100	0	0		
John Morton, Assistant-Judge, and Postage, — — — — — — — — — —		200	7	6		
Joseph Galloway, Esq; extra Services,		75	0	0		
Abel Evans, Assistant-Clerk of the Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —		30	0	0		
Benjamin Franklin, Esq; £ 266 13 4 Sterling, at 70 per Cent, — — —		453	6	8		
John Palmer, Expence in viewing Schuylkill, — — — — — — — — —		8	7	7		
Francis Casper Hassenclever, Iron Chest 186 lb. at 2s6, and Porterage 1s. — — — — — — — — — — — — —		23	6	0		
Thomas Shute, for Eden Haydock, Repairs at the State-house, — — —		34	15	4		
Henry Miller, for Printing, — — —		317	12	6		
Thomas Willing, Esq; Assistant-Judge, — — — — — — — — — — —		200	0	0		
Andrew Allen, Esq; Attorney-General, — — — — — — — — — — —		75	0	0		
Carried forward — — — — — — —	£	3,327	16	9½	£22,000	0 0

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£ 3,327	16	9½	£22,000	0	0
Andrew M'Nair, Door-keeper, — —	25	9	7			
Thomas Mifflin, Service on Accounts,	0	10	0			
Benjamin Chapman, Service on Accounts, — — — — — — — — — —	9	0	0			
Estate of David Hall, deceased, — —	7	17	0			
Hall and Sellers, for Printing, — —	124	1	0			
Arthur Donaldson, Machine for cleaning Docks, — — — — — — — — —	100	0	0			
Joseph Ogden, Expence for the Committee at Schuylkill, — — — — —	1	0	5			
Samuel Rhoads, Service on Accounts,	2	10	0			
Jacob Meyer, for viewing Schuylkill,	15	0	0			
Israel Pemberton, Indian Expences, —	10	10	9			
Edmund Physick, for fixing Seals to the Laws, — — — — — — — —	9	6	0			
Edmund Physick, Keeper of the Seal,	12	6	0			
Caleb Parry, Committee-Expence at Schuylkill, — — — — — — — — —	4	1	0			
Samuel Taylor, binding Books, — —	50	12	0			
Isaac Pearson, Service on Accounts,	10	10	0			
The Honourable JOHN PENN for Disbursements, — — — — — — — — —	35	11	11			
Joseph Shippen, Clerk of the Council,	30	0	0			
Joseph Shippen, for Proclamations, —	18	3	0			
Joseph Shippen,—Postage of Letters,	12	14	4			
Honourable JOHN PENN to re-place £ 100, drawn out of Treasury for Indian Expences, — — — — — —	100	0	0			
John Read, for Publication of Maps,	25	0	0			
George Gray, Service on Accounts, —	10	10	0			
Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; Certificate, 24 December, 1774, — — — —	500	0	0			
Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; ditto, 30, September, 1775, — — — —	500	0	0			
Hugh and George Roberts, — — — —	2	2	8			
Hugh and George Roberts, — — — —	4	17	9			
Joseph Fox, — — — — — — — — —	3	0	9			
Joseph Fox, Barrack-Master, — —	20	0	0			
Committee's Certificate for viewing Schuylkill, — — — — — — — — —	9	0	0			
Michael Hillegas, Esq; Service on Accounts, — — — — — — — — —	10	10	0			
Committee's Certificate for raising and paying Ranging-Companies, — — —	20	0	0			
Edward Duffield, his Care of the State-house Clock, — — — — — — —	10	0	0			
Frederick Bicking, Paper — — — —	47	19	5			
Isaac Pearson, for attending the Press, — — — — — — — — — — —	6	10	0			
David Rittenhouse, his Care of State-house Clock, — — — — — — — —	10	0	0			
John Fulton and James Kelly, for apprehending Fleming Elliot, — — —	60	0	0			
Richard Mason, unspiking Cannon, —	16	7	6			
Francis Johnston, signing Money, —	6	0	0			
Thomas Shoemaker, ditto, — — —	13	11	3			
Charles Jervis, ditto, — — — — —	21	2	6			
John Read, for repairing Banks on Deep-Water Island, — — — — —	15	1	6			
Thomas Tilbury, signing Money, —	13	11	4			
Philip Kinsey, ditto, — — — — —	13	11	3			
John Knowles, ditto, — — — — —	13	11	3			
Isaac Howell, ditto, — — — — —	13	11	4			
Abel Evans, ditto, — — — — — —	13	11	3			
Richard Humphreys, ditto, — — —	13	11	4			
	£ 5,300	0	10½			
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent, —	13	5	0			
By Cash paid to Michael Hillegas, —	14,461	15	0			
Balance yet remaining in his Hands,	2,224	19	1½			
				£22,000	0	0

STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of MICHAEL HILLEGAS*, PROVINCIAL TREASURER, *viz.*

On Account of the £35,000, issued in Pursuance of the Resolutions of the Assembly, *June* 30, 1775, — — — Dr.

TO Bills of Credit received of the Committee per Joseph Parker, Esq; struck in Pursuance of the said Resolutions, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£35,000	0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.		
By Cash paid the following Orders, viz.						
George Ross, Esq; per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	£	50	0	0		
Robert Morris and Thomas Wharton, jun. at sundry Times, per Order of ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —		25,000	0	0		
Robert Whyte, per Order of ditto, —		1,000	0	0		
Michael Swoope, Esq; per Order of ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —		259	6	11		
Robert Whyte, at twice, per Order of ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —		2,000	0	0		
Owen Biddle, per ditto, — — — — —		100	0	0		
The Commissioners and Assessors of Chester County, per ditto, — — —		500	0	0		
The Commissioners and Assessors of Cumberland County, per ditto, — —		300	0	0		
The Commissioners and Assessors of Philadelphia County, per ditto, at twice, — — — — — — — — — —		1,500	0	0		
John Maxwell Nesbit, per ditto, — —		100	0	0		
Wharton and Humphreys, per ditto,		250	0	0		
The Commissioners and Assessors of York County, per ditto, — — — — —		300	0	0		
Commissioners and Assessors of York County, per ditto, — — — — — — —		132	16	0		
Peter Long, per ditto, — — — — — —		100	0	0		
Thomas Wharton, jun. and others, per ditto, — — — — — — — — — —		1,000	0	0		
Thomas Wharton, jun. and others, per ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —		1,000	0	0		
George Taylor, Esq; per ditto, — —		250	0	0		
George Ross, Esq; for his Attendance in Congress, per Order of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —		34	0	0		
John Maxwel Nesbit, at twice, per Order of Committee of Safety, —		500	0	0		
Commissioners and Assessors of Lancaster County, in Part of their Order for £600, from the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —		536	11	5½		
	£	34,912	14	4½		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent, —		87	5	7½		
					£35,000	0 0

On Account of the £80,000, issued in Pursuance of the Resolutions of the Assembly, *November* 18, 1775, — — Dr.

TO Bills of Credit received of the Committee of Assembly, struck in Pursuance of the said Resolutions, — —	£	80,000	0	0	
To Cash of Jacob Shubb, — — — — —		19	19	0	
					£80,019 19 0

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid the following Orders, viz. Commissioners and Assessors of Lancaster County, the Remainder of their Order of £600, drawn by the Committee of Safety, the other Part being charged to the Account of the £35,000, — — — — — — — —	£ 63	8	6½
Thomas Wharton, jun. John Nixon and James Mease, Esqrs. per Order of Committee of Safety, — — —	1,000	0	0
Commissioners and Assessors of Northampton County, per ditto, — — —	100	0	0
Peter Dehaven, on Account of the Salt-petre Works in Philadelphia,	50	0	0
Baltis Moody, per Order of the Salt-petre Committee, — — — — — —	25	0	0
Commissioners and Assessors of Berks County, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — — — — —	400	0	0
John Maxwell Nesbit, per ditto, —	1,500	0	0
Baltis Moody, per Order of Salt-petre Committee, — — — — — — — —	25	0	0
Peter Dehaven, on Account of the Salt-petre Works, — — — — — —	100	0	0
John Nixon and others, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — —	10,000	0	0
Commissioners and Assessors of Bucks County, per ditto, — — — — —	300	0	0
Jahn (sic) Maxwell Nesbit, per ditto,	1,600	0	0
Commissioners and Assessors of Chester County, per ditto, — — —	27	0	0
John Nixon and others, per ditto, —	5,000	0	0
Captain Joseph Shaw, of Bucks County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —	48	17	6
John Lacey, of ditto, — — ditto,	49	17	0
Robert Robinson, of ditto, — ditto,	28	7	6
William Roberts, of ditto, — ditto,	48	1	0
Thomas Stuart, of ditto, — — ditto,	21	5	0
Thomas Wier, of ditto, — — — ditto,	48	12	6
Arthur Erwin, of ditto, — — ditto,	27	10	0
Colonel John Beatty, of ditto, — ditto,	77	0	0
Captain George Wall, of ditto, — ditto,	31	11	0
John Coryell, of ditto, — — ditto,	50	13	0
James M'Masters, of ditto, — ditto,	47	14	0
William M'Calla, of ditto, — ditto,	47	5	0
John Jamison, of ditto, — — ditto,	20	12	6
S. Lindsay, of Cumberland ditto, ditto,	24	17	6
John Brisbons, of Lancaster ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	7	14	6
G. Miller, of Philadelphia ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
Thomas Rees, of ditto, — — ditto,	17	0	6
Adam Proseman, of ditto, — ditto,	23	7	6
Zacharias Neil, of ditto, — — ditto,	14	15	10
Frederick Weiss, of ditto, — ditto,	21	13	0
Archibald Thompson, of ditto, ditto,	5	12	6
Martin Swink, of ditto, — — — ditto,	25	5	0
Isaac Longstreth, of ditto, — — ditto,	18	10	0
Isaac Knight, jun. of ditto, — ditto,	18	2	0
Thomas Church, of ditto, — ditto,	22	8	9
Seth Quee, of ditto, — — — ditto,	28	13	0
George Smith, of ditto, — — ditto,	16	19	3
George Wright, of ditto, — — ditto,	18	10	0
George Nice, of ditto, — — ditto,	30	10	0
Aaron Levering, of ditto, — — ditto,	29	0	0
Moore Furman, of ditto, — — ditto,	134	8	3
James Irvine, of ditto, — — ditto,	50	4	3
John Shee, of ditto, — — — ditto,	81	17	9
Robert Knox, of ditto, — — ditto,	99	6	2
Joseph Falconer, of ditto, — — ditto,	103	4	11
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£21,560	5	2½

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£21,560	5	2½
Josiah Hart, of ditto, — — — ditto,	59	8	0
Henry Sheets, of ditto, — — ditto,	8	9	6
Andrew Redheffer, of ditto, — ditto,	13	1	0
Isaac Hughes, of ditto, — — ditto,	32	0	0
Christopher Stewart, of ditto, ditto,	12	16	0
Samuel Miles, of ditto, — — ditto,	8	15	0
Colonel Samuel Miles, of ditto, ditto,	40	11	0
Captain Rudolph Bunner, of ditto, ditto,	24	5	0
James Potts, of ditto, — — ditto,	29	5	0
Jonathan Jones, of Berks ditto, ditto,	26	0	0
Andrew Keichlein, of Bucks ditto, — — — — — — — — —	20	2	0
Colonel Andrew Keichlein, of ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	18	17	6
Captain John Ludwig, of ditto, ditto,	18	4	0
Nicholas Patterson, of ditto, ditto,	17	9	0
Jacob Shupe, of ditto, — — ditto,	19	19	0
John Beatty, of ditto, — — — ditto,	50	7	6
Peter Vansant, of ditto, — — ditto,	52	3	6
Colonel Hugh Lloyd, of Chester County, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	51	2	6
Captain Gilead Chapman, of ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	61	14	6
Frederick Fairlamb, of ditto, ditto,	13	7	6
Nicholas Dehl, of ditto, — — ditto,	20	13	10
George Pierce, of ditto, — — ditto,	27	3	9
John Faulk, of ditto, — — — ditto,	19	6	6
Nathaniel Vernon, of ditto, — ditto,	18	6	0
Andrew Boon, of ditto, — — ditto,	14	5	6
John Bryan, of ditto, — — ditto,	20	13	10
John Hart, of ditto, — — — ditto,	25	19	0
Benjamin Powell, of ditto, — ditto,	15	7	6
Hugh Jones, of ditto, — — — ditto,	15	7	0
John Davis, of ditto, — — ditto,	23	16	0
Joseph Hayes, of ditto, — — — ditto,	6	0	0
Captain Thomas Taylor, of Chester County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — — —	9	15	0
James Hair, of ditto, — — — ditto,	17	2	6
Abraham Marshall, of ditto, — ditto,	8	18	6
Patrick Anderson, of ditto, — ditto,	12	12	6
Percifor Frazer, of ditto, — — ditto,	8	15	0
James Chandler, of ditto, — ditto,	18	5	0
Peter Hartman, of ditto, — ditto,	22	3	9
Richard Templin, of ditto, — ditto,	9	19	0
Thomas Leighton, of ditto, — ditto,	13	4	6
Thomas Hockley, of ditto, — — ditto,	14	5	0
Caleb North, of ditto, — — — ditto,	13	9	0
Captain John Ralston, of ditto, — ditto,	18	17	6
Joseph Freego, of ditto, — — ditto,	14	13	6
Thomas Millard, of ditto, — — ditto,	4	5	0
Colonel William Montgomery, of ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	21	12	1
Captain Stephen Cochran, of ditto, ditto,	13	18	0
George Legit, of ditto, — — ditto,	14	11	6
Thomas Strawbridge, of ditto, ditto,	16	2	6
John Kinkead, of ditto, — — ditto,	16	7	6
John M'Dowell, of ditto, — — ditto,	18	19	10
James M'Dowell, of ditto, — ditto,	18	10	0
Joseph Gardner, of ditto, — — ditto,	21	4	6
Thomas Lunn, of ditto, — — ditto,	13	16	4
Allen Cunningham, of ditto, — ditto,	13	19	6
Colonel James Moore, of ditto, — ditto,	17	0	0
Captain John Hannum, of ditto, ditto,	5	15	10
Joseph Spear, of ditto, — — ditto,	18	4	3
Robert Lockhart, of ditto, — ditto,	17	6	0
James M'Clure, of ditto, — — ditto,	21	1	6
Benjamin Wallace, of ditto, — ditto,	19	15	6
Matthew Boyd, of ditto, — — ditto,	21	7	0
Colonel Joseph Kirkbride, of Bucks County, ditto, — — — — — — — —	87	2	0
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£22,908	1	2½

Brought forward — — — — — — —	£22,908	1	2½
Captain John Egner, of Berks County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	11	4	6
Peter Deckert, of ditto, — — ditto,	14	10	9
John Ludwig, of ditto, — — — ditto,	6	0	0
George Rheimes, of ditto, — ditto,	17	10	6
Henry Haller, of ditto, — — — ditto,	30	0	0
Thomas Dundas, of ditto, — — ditto,	25	13	6
Peter Withington, of ditto, — ditto,	30	11	2
Henry Chreist, of ditto, — — ditto,	9	11	11
Leffler, of ditto, — — — ditto,	6	2	0
Haupt, of ditto, — — — — ditto.	9	12	0
Paul Feager, of ditto, — — — ditto,	10	11	6
Shaffer, of ditto, — — — — ditto,	12	13	0
David Bright, of ditto, — — ditto,	10	17	6
Mourer, of ditto, — — — — ditto,	11	7	6
Kissinger, of ditto, — — — ditto,	11	3	6
Joseph Heister, of ditto, — — ditto,	9	5	0
Cunnius, of ditto, — — — — ditto,	6	10	0
Golding, of ditto, — — — — ditto,	8	10	0
Hill, of ditto, — — — — — ditto,	7	10	0
D. Pannebecker, of ditto, — — ditto,	12	0	0
Bird, of ditto, — — — — — ditto,	14	10	6
Lentz, of ditto, — — — — ditto,	8	11	6
Lincoln, of ditto, — — — — ditto,	7	17	6
Daniel Levan, of ditto, — — — ditto,	7	14	0
Geiger, of ditto, — — — — ditto,	8	10	0
Putt, of ditto, — — — — — ditto,	7	5	0
David Potts, of ditto, — — — ditto,	9	7	6
Colonel Daniel Roberdeau, of Philadelphia, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	182	13	0
Captain Benjamin Loxley, of ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	64	0	6
David Sproat, of ditto, — — — ditto,	100	9	3
George Goodwin, of ditto, — — ditto,	76	4	0
Joseph Moulder, of ditto, — — ditto,	40	0	0
Richard Peters, of ditto, — — ditto,	79	3	0
Francis Gurney, of ditto, — — ditto,	90	16	0
J. Williams, of Philadelphia County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	86	11	6
William Masters, of ditto, — — ditto,	46	7	6
Samuel Swift, of ditto, — — ditto,	13	1	6
Rudolph Neff, of ditto, — — ditto,	55	2	6
John Jarvis, of Bucks County, ditto,	59	0	0
Francis Murray, of ditto, — — ditto,	58	0	0
S. Miles, of Philadelphia County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	34	15	0
B. Loxley, of ditto (2 Accounts) ditto,	361	19	3½
Joseph Fox, Esq; per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	500	0	0
Captain Israel Whelen, of Chester County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	18	5	0
Joseph Trimble, of ditto, — ditto,	11	16	6
John Templeton, of ditto, — — ditto,	16	11	8
Samuel Pugh, of ditto, — — ditto,	19	9	6
John Marshall, of Lancaster County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	11	11	0
Colonel Thomas Porter, of ditto, ditto,	30	6	0
Captain John Paxton, of ditto, ditto,	11	4	0
Captain James Ross, of Lancaster County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —	13	3	6
Thomas Whiteside, of ditto, — ditto,	29	9	0
James Taylor, of ditto, — — — ditto,	24	12	6
James Morrison, of ditto, — — ditto,	12	0	0
John Boyd, of ditto, — — — ditto,	26	1	0
John Pattin, of ditto, — — — ditto,	13	10	0
Thomas Casdrop, of Philadelphia, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	44	7	6
John Little, of ditto, — — — ditto,	93	13	0
Carried forward — — — — — — —	£25,457	4	9

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£25,457	4	0
Francis C. Hassenclever, of ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	99	15	3
Thomas Pryor, ditto, — — — ditto,	84	1	6
Richard Willing, of ditto, — ditto,	87	2	6
John Wilcocks, of ditto, — — ditto,	66	7	9
Francis Wade, of ditto, — — ditto,	103	14	6
William Todd, of ditto, — — ditto,	70	7	11
Jacob Shubb, of Bucks County, ditto,	30	2	6
Jon. Paschal, of Philadel. County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	29	19	11
William Hamilton, of ditto, — ditto,	38	10	0
Colonel William Hamilton, of ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	19	8	0
Captain Samuel Dewees, of ditto, ditto,	29	5	0
Morgan, of ditto, — — — — ditto,	15	16	3
Jacob Rudolph, of ditto, — — ditto,	31	2	6
John Jones, of ditto, — — — — ditto,	31	0	0
Dr. Jonathan Potts, per Order of Committee of Safety, — — — — — — — —	52	5	3
Capt. Alex. Colley, of Philadelphia County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	15	4	0
Ennion Williams, of ditto, — ditto,	71	12	0
Benjamin Rush and Owen Biddle, Saltpetre Committee, — — — — — — — —	100	0	0
Captain Geo. Leib, of Philadelphia County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	74	6	9
Whitehead Humphreys, of ditto, ditto,	13	7	6
William Henderson, of ditto, — ditto,	29	19	6
Joseph Coppertwaite, of ditto, ditto,	119	15	8
Benjamin Loxley, of ditto, — — ditto,	7	10	0
James Crouch, of Lancaster County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	20	7	6
Colonel John Dickenson, of Philadelphia, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	156	18	8
Captain Will. M'Ilvaine, of Bucks County, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	58	9	6
Augustine Willet, of ditto, — ditto,	45	17	0
John Folwell, of ditto, — — ditto,	51	6	0
Henry Lott, of ditto, — — — ditto,	48	0	0
Colonel Anthony Wayne, of Chester County, ditto, — — — — — — — —	47	5	0
John Dickenson, Esq; for his Attendance in Congress, per Order of Assembly,	107	0	0
Jacob Guldy, of Bucks County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, —	35	4	2
Colonel Robert Lewis, of Philadelphia ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — —	25	10	0
Captain Jacob Laughlin, of ditto, ditto,	25	6	9
Joseph Dean, of ditto, — — — ditto,	37	0	0
Henry Hill, of ditto, — — — — ditto,	53	18	0
Colonel John Cadwallader, of ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	213	6	0
Captain Thomas Harvey, of Bucks County, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	48	5	0
William Semple, of Philadelphia, ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	66	7	6
James Wilson, Esq; for Attendance in Congress, per Order of Assembly, —	50	0	0
Capt. Lamb. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —	101	16	0
John Wharton, of ditto, — — ditto,	53	1	6
Emanuel Eyre, of ditto, — — ditto,	34	14	9
John Nixon and others, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — —	10,000	0	0
Capt. Joseph Wood, of Philadelphia County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — —	57	0	0
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£38,014	12	4

Brought forward — — — — — — —	£38,014	12	4
James Chapman, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — — —	50	0	0
Commissioners and Assessors of Bedford County, per ditto, — — — — — —	100	0	0
Colonel James Smith, of York County, per Order of Committee of Assembly,	185	2	6
William Smith, of ditto, — — ditto,	127	19	2½
Matthew Dill, of ditto, — — ditto,	157	17	10½
Jonathan Kearsley, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — —	3	12	0
John Wilcocks and others, per Order of ditto, — — — — — — — — —	150	0	0
Joseph Collier, per Order of ditto, —	30	0	0
Capt. James Biddle, of Philadelphia County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — —	13	17	6
John M. Nesbit, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	1,500	0	0
Benjamin Harbeson, per Order of the Committee of Salt-petre Works, — —	45	7	6
Jacob Burgey, of Bucks County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, —	15	10	6
Joseph Fox, Esq; per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — —	500	0	0
Captain David Jenkins, of Lancaster County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	15	11	6
Colonel Thomas Potts, of Philadelphia ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — —	27	3	3
Richard Butler, for George Allen, an Indian, per Order of Assembly, — —	100	0	0
Capt. John Aurand, of Northampton County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	17	10	0
Commissioners and Assessors of York County, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — — — — —	300	0	0
Colonel Robert M'Pherson, of ditto, — per Order of Committee of Assembly,	174	16	0
Joseph Moulder, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	50	5	9
Captain Samuel Vanleer, of Chester County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	7	15	0
Henry Huber, of Bucks County, ditto,	22	16	3
John Reitmeyer, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	90	0	0
Robert Harris, per Order of ditto, — —	110	0	0
Col. J. Montgomery, of Cumberland County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	160	13	2
Captain Joseph Thornburgh, of Berks ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — —	16	0	9
John Pattin, of ditto, — ditto, — —	19	17	6
Col. Wil. Thompson, of Cumberland ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — —	6	0	0
Captain W. Huston, of Cumberland County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	24	19	6
Abraham Smith, of ditto, — ditto,	28	18	0
Elias Davison, of ditto, — — ditto,	28	3	6
Joseph Armstrong, of ditto, ditto,	30	4	0
Owen Aston, of ditto, — — ditto,	21	10	0
James Campbell, of ditto, — ditto,	24	3	6
William Beatty, of ditto, ditto,	28	3	6
James Patton, of ditto, — ditto,	26	6	0
John M'Clellan, of ditto, — ditto,	26	7	6
Patrick Jack, of ditto, — — ditto,	28	18	0
Samuel Culbertson, of ditto, ditto,	23	5	0
Samuel Royer, of ditto, — — ditto,	23	13	0
Conrad Snyder, of ditto, — ditto,	28	16	3
Carried forward — — — — — — —	£42,355	16	4

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£42,355	16	4
James M'Cammont, of ditto, ditto,	22	11	0
Colonel Thomas M'Kean, of Philadelphia, ditto, — — — — — — — —	22	0	0
Commissioners and Assessors of Northampton County, the Remainder of their Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — — — — —	200	0	0
Joseph Fox, Esq; per Order of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	211	17	6
Capt. J. Clark, of Northumberland County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — —	16	11	6
Abraham Markoe, of Philadelphia, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	282	0	0
Peter Kachlein, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	300	0	0
Capt. Jacob Frantz, of Philadelphia County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — —	19	0	0
Christian Snyder, of ditto, — ditto,	20	3	9
Captain James Bruster, of ditto, ditto,	33	0	0
Jermen Davis, of Chester County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	21	4	6
John Nixon and others, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — —	10,000	0	0
Commissioners and Assessors of Northumberland County, per ditto, — —	100	0	0
Samuel Hunter, of ditto, per Order of the Committee of Assembly, —	28	0	0
Capt. George Morgan, of Philadelphia, ditto, — — — — — — — —	111	5	0
Col. Baltzer Grehr, of Berks County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	114	19	6
Bartram Galbreath, of Lancaster Co. ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	166	1	0
Capt. John Hayes, of Northampton Co. ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	12	10	0
Adam Brucheiser, of ditto, — ditto,	11	17	6
Matthias Shieffley, of Philadelphia, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	22	8	10
John Wilcocks, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — — —	300	0	0
John M. Nesbit, per ditto, — — —	1,500	0	0
Col. Samuel Miles, per Order of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —	3,000	0	0
James Potter of Northumberland County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — —	69	17	0
Captain Cornelius Atkinson, of ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	9	8	6
Colonel Richard M'Callister, of York County, ditto, — — — — — — — —	142	10	0
Curtis Grubb, of Lancaster County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	266	18	5
Jacob Vandegrift, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — —	500	0	0
Capt. W. Scull, of Northumberland County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	13	2	6
John Murray, of Lancaster County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	11	14	9
Colonel Daniel Roberdeau, of Philadelphia, ditto, — — — — — — — —	2	7	6
Capt. Michael Popst, of Northampton County, ditto, — — — — — — — —	16	5	6
Jeremiah Trexler, per Order of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —	28	5	9
Lewis Nicola, per ditto, — — — —	12	10	2
Capt. Jacob Miller, of Philadelphia County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — —	54	5	0
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£59,998	11	6

Brought forward — — — — — — —	£59,998	11	6
Col. Matthias Slough, of Lancaster County, ditto, — — — — — — —	240	16	8
John Feree, of ditto, — — ditto,	108	0	11
Capt. Henry Weaver, of ditto, ditto,	16	15	0
Col. Robert Callender, of Cumberland ditto, ditto, — — — — — — —	273	2	6
Capt. John Philip De Haas, of Lancaster, ditto, — — — — — — —	36	7	6
George Clymer, of Philadelphia, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	98	19	6
Patrick Anderson, of Chester County, ditto, — — — — — — —	1	15	0
Col. Bernard Dougherty, of Bedford County, ditto, — — — — — — —	200	0	0
Caleb Parry, per Order of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	1,000	0	0
J. Carnahan, of Westmoreland County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — —	249	19	0
John Procter, of ditto, — — ditto,	165	2	6
William Bawsman, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — —	300	0	0
Capt. C. Gillespie, of Northumberland Co. per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	9	14	6
John Robb, of ditto, — — — ditto,	11	7	6
David Berry, of ditto, — — ditto,	11	7	6
Peter Dehaven, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	150	0	0
Colonel James Moore, of Chester County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	13	0	0
Captain Samuel Atlee, of Lancaster County, ditto, — — — — — — —	21	12	3
Peter Dehaven, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	350	0	0
Captain Peter Stout, of Bucks County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —	9	2	6
Valentine Upp, of ditto, — ditto,	17	7	6
Samuel Potts and Thomas Butter, per Order of the Committee of Safety,	1,000	0	0
Capt. Geo. Stahl, of Northampton County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	19	12	8
Andrew M'Nair, for Indian Expences, per Order of Assembly, — — — —	46	16	11
Major Jos. Beeler, of Westmoreland County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — —	24	0	0
Captain Richard Butler, of ditto, — ditto, — — — — — — — — —	25	0	0
Hen. Straus, of Northampton County, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	9	2	6
Dewalt Forringer, of ditto, — ditto,	18	2	6
Colonel George Taylor, of ditto, ditto,	99	11	6
Capt. John Wilcocks, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	500	0	0
W. Clark, of Northumberland County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — — —	8	16	6
Colonel Samuel Atlee, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — —	500	0	0
Matthias Slough, Esq; per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — —	3,000	0	0
Capt. Samuel Patterson, of Lancaster County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	9	10	1
Commissioners and Assessors of Philadelphia County, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	1,000	0	0
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£69,543	14	2

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£69,543 14 2	
Signers of the £35,000, — — — — —	42 0 0	
Joseph Parker, Esq; for superintending the Press, at printing the £35,000 and the £80,000, — —	8 10 0	
William Rodman, Esq; for the same,	8 10 0	
Isaac Pearson, Esq; for the same, —	6 10 0	
George Gray, Esq; for the same, — —	5 0 0	
Signers of the £80,000, — — — —	95 19 0	
John Nixon and others, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — —	10,000 0 0	
Joseph Collier, per Order of ditto, —	36 5 0	
Colonel Samuel Miles, per Order of ditto, for £1000, of which £925 10 2 is charged to the £85,000 Account, — — — — — —	74 9 10	
	£79,820 8 0	
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent, —	199 11 0	
		£80,019 19 0

On Account of the £85,000, issued in Pursuance of the Resolutions of the Assembly, *April* 6, 1776, — — — Dr.

TO Bills of Credit received of the Committee of Assembly, struck in Pursuance of the said Resolutions, — —	£85,000 0 0	
To Cash of Francis Murray, — — — —	30 0 0	
To ditto of William Roberts, — — —	21 10 0	
To ditto of Henry Lott, — — — — —	23 10 0	
		£85,075 0 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —	Cr.	
By Cash paid the following Orders, viz.		
Colonel Samuel Miles, in Pursuance of an Order of the Committee of Safety for £1000, the Rest being charged to the Account of the £80,000, —	£ 925 10 2	
Caleb Parry, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — —	250 0 0	
Samuel Miles, for the Use of Matthias Slough, Esq; per ditto,	2,000 0 0	
Samuel Miles, per ditto, — — —	1,000 0 0	
Samuel Atlee, per ditto, — — — —	500 0 0	
John Deisler and others, per ditto, —	108 15 0	
John Maxell Nesbit, Esq; per ditto,	2,000 0 0	
Commissioners and Assessors of Chester County, per ditto, — — — — —	1,500 0 0	
Capt. Simon Kuppenhever, of York County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — —	10 6 6	
Colonel James Smith, of ditto, ditto,	10 0 0	
Captain George Eichelberger, of ditto, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	10 6 6	
Jost Treisbach, of Northampton Co. ditto, — — — — — — — — —	19 0 0	
John Nixon and others, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — —	5,000 0 0	
Capt. Isaac Adams, of Lancaster County, per Order of the Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — —	17 0 0	
Conrad Roder, of Northampton, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	12 1 6	
Colonel Samuel Miles, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — —	1,000 0 0	
Samuel Miles, for Matthias Slough, Esq; per ditto, — — — — — —	2,000 0 0	
Samuel Miles, for ditto, per ditto,	1,000 0 0	
William Webb, for the Commissioners and Assessors of Lancaster County, per ditto, — — — — — — — — —	1,000 0 0	
Carried forward — — — — — — —	£18,362 19 8	

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£18,362 19 8
Capt. Isaac Taylor, of Chester County, per Order of the Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — —	9 10 0
And. Graff, of Lancaster County, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	12 10 0
John Wetsner, of ditto, — ditto,	22 11 0
Isaac Allen, of Chester County, ditto,	18 4 6
Nich. Peck, of Lancaster County, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	9 5 0
Colonel John Patton, of Berks County, ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	68 12 6
John Maxwell Nesbit, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — —	2,500 0 0
John Nixon and others, per ditto, —	10,000 0 0
Bernard Dougherty, per ditto, — —	150 0 0
Capt. Rob. Campbel, (sic.) of Lancaster County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — —	27 10 6
Dorrinton Wilson, of ditto, ditto,	24 17 6
Simon Dresbach, of Northampton Co. ditto, — — — — — — — — —	9 7 6
Elijah Davis, of Philadelphia County, ditto, — — — — — —	7 5 6
Col. James Potter, of Northumberland Co. ditto, — — — — — — — —	14 0 0
Samuel Miles, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — — —	3,000 0 0
S. Hunter, of Northumberland County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — —	60 0 6
Capt. John Mack, of Northampton County, ditto, — — — — — — — —	12 7 6
James Campbell, of Westmoreland Co. ditto, — — — — — — — — —	9 5 0
Ralph Cherry, of ditto, — — ditto,	9 5 0
John Baird, of ditto, — — ditto,	9 5 0
Colonel Arthur Erwin, of Bucks County, ditto, — — — — — — — — —	32 0 0
Captain Jacob Bower, of Lancaster County, ditto, — — — — — — — —	14 9 10
George Musser, of ditto, — ditto,	16 6 6
John Keller, of Bucks County, ditto,	9 13 0
Hon. John Morton, Esq; for his Attendance in Congress, per Order of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	80 0 0
Capt. Cromwell Pearce, of Chester County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	15 10 0
Charles Humphreys, Esq; for his Attendance in Congress, per Order of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	172 0 0
James Wilson, Esq; for ditto, per ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	381 5 0
Capt. Henry Shade, of Col. Mile's Battalion, on Account of J. M. Nesbit, Esq; Pay-Master, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — —	100 0 0
Colonel John Procter, per ditto, towards the Pay and Subsistance of Captain Vansweeringen's Company in Westmoreland County, — — — —	400 0 0
Owen Biddle, per ditto, the Balance of his Account on Salt-petre Works,	473 2 7½
John M. Nesbit, Esq; per ditto, —	5,000 0 0
John Nixon and others, per Order of ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	20,000 0 0
William Sheed, Sergeant at Arms, per Order of Assembly, for Expences incurred in going for several Members of Assembly, in Pursuance of the Orders of the House, — — — — —	6 19 6
Carried forward — — — — — — — —	£61,038 3 1½

Brought forward — — — — — — — —	£61,038	3	1½		
Colonel Matthias Slough, per Order of the Committee of Safety, for the Use of the Commissioners of Lancaster County, — — — — — — — — —	1,000	0	0		
Thomas Willing, Esq; for his Attendance in Congress, per Order of Assembly, — — — — — — — — —	197	0	0		
Ludwig Kercher, per Order of the Committee of Safety, towards victualling the Provincial Troops, — — — —	1,500	0	0		
Charles Moore, per Order of Assembly,	176	3	6		
Andrew Allen, Esq; for his Attendance in Congress, per ditto, — — — —	140	0	0		
Colonel Samuel Miles, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — — — — —	1,000	0	0		
The same, per Order of ditto, — —	1,000	0	0		
John Maxwel Nesbit, per ditto, — —	5,000	0	0		
Colonel Samuel Miles, per ditto, — —	1,000	0	0		
Samuel Miles, per ditto, — — —	500	0	0		
Samuel Fairlamb, per ditto, — — —	231	8	8		
John Nixon and others, per ditto, —	10,000	0	0		
Colonel Samuel Miles, per ditto, —	500	0	0		
Samuel Atlee, per ditto, — — — —	600	0	0		
Doctor Franklin, for his Services in Congress, per Order of Assembly, —	166	0	0		
Robert Morris, Esq; Account of the same, per ditto, — — — — — — —	168	0	0		
Committee of Assembly, for superintending the printing of the £85,000,	61	0	0		
David Rittenhouse, Esq; for Cuts for some of the Bills of this Emission,	3	0	0		
Signers of this Emission, — — — —	307	7	6		
Hall and Sellers for Paper, and for printing the £80,000 and the £85,000, the Sum of £358 11 6—of which is charged to this Account the Sum of £274 14 0½, the Remainder being charged to another Account, —	274	14	0½		
	£84,862	16	10		
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent. —	212	3	2		
				£85,075	0 0

On Account of the *Province-Island*, — — — — — Dr.

CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — Cr.

BY Cash paid Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, the Balance due to him on this Account, — — — — — —				£	1 18 7

Which still remains due to the present Provincial Treasurer.

On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Use, Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£	219 14 3

Which Sum still remains in his Hands.

On Account of the Duties and Tonnage of Ships, for supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, — — — Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, — — —	£	3	13 7		
Balance due to Michael Hillegas on this Account, — — — — — — —		21	8 11		
				£	25 2 6

CONTRA					Cr.			
By Cash paid the Signers of the £6000,	£	18	0	0				
By ditto paid the Superintendants of the Press,		7	0	0				
	£	25	0	0				
By his Commissions, at 10s. per Cent.		0	2	6				
					£	25	2	6

On Account of the Excise on Spirituous Liquors, — Dr.

TO Cash received of William Crispin, Collector of Philadelphia County, —	£	1303	9	0			
of John Woolston, — — — — — —							
of Bucks County, — — — —		242	8	4			
of Thomas Tucker, — — — — —							
of Chester County, — — —		270	15	9			
of Thomas Beard, jun. — — —							
of Cumberland County, — —		23	0	0			
					£	1839	13	1

CONTRA					Cr.			
By Cash paid Hall and Sellers for Paper, and for printing the £22,000, per Act passed September 30, 1775, — — —	£	120	2	0				
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, viz.								
Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 20, 1767, being Part of the £20,000, —	£	38	0	0				
Of the Bills issued per Act passed February 18, 1769, being Part of the £16,000, —		53	14	0				
Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, being Part of the £15,000, — —		140	15	0				
Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 9, 1772, being Part of the £25,000, — —		129	16	4½				
						362	5	4½
	£					482	7	4½
By his Commissions on £482 7 4½, at 5 per Cent. — — — — — — — — —						24	2	8½
Balance due to the Province, — —						1333	3	0
					£	1839	13	1

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eightcen penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —					£	1	17	7

CONTRA					Cr.			
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	1	17	5½				
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent. —		0	0	1½				
					£	1	17	7

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, — — —	£	3591	19	5			
To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Philadelphia County, — — — — —		125	8	4			
of Joseph Chapman, Bucks County,		27	12	5½			
of James Gibbons, Chester County,		327	16	11½			
of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, — — — — — — — — —		65	6	6½			
					£	4138	3 8½
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — —				Cr.			
By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — — —	£	2327	1	5			
By his Commissions, at 5s. per Cent. —		5	16	4			
By Balance in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law, — — — — —		1805	5	11½			
					£	4138	3 8½

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, — — — —	£	20,027	17	8			
To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Philadelphia County, — — — — —		1,783	9	1			
of Joseph Chapman, Bucks County,		83	0	0			
of James Gibbons, Chester County,		365	0	6½			
of Michael Swoope, York County, —		350	8	1			
of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, — — — — — — — — —		268	12	1			
of Christopher Witman, Berks County, — — — — — — — — — —		438	15	7			
					£	23,317	3 0½

Which Sum remains in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law.

On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, — — —	£	1298	0	0			
To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Philadelphia County, — — — — —		2827	12	11½			
of Joseph Chapman, Bucks County,		658	0	2			
of James Gibbons, Chester County,		507	0	6			
of Stephen Duncan, Cumberland County, — — — — — — — — —		200	3	6			
of John Mush, Northampton County,		457	9	1			
of Christopher Witman, Berks County, — — — — — — — — — —		1390	0	0			
					£	7338	6 2½

Which Sum remains in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law.

On Account of the Honourable Proprietaries Taxes, — Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, — — — —	£	1400	0	0			
To ditto — of Edmund Physick, Esq; —		500	0	0			
					£	1900	0 0

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

On Account of the £5000 appropriated for defraying *Indian* Treaties, *per* Act passed *May* 14, 1762, — — — Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	331	12 3

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

On Account of the £5000 appropriated to purchase Ground adjoining the State-house Lots, *per* Act passed *May* 14, 1772. Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	998	10 8

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

On Account of the £6000 struck for the building Piers, *&c.* in the River *Delaware*, *per* Act passed *March* 18, 1775. — Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£	774	0 0

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

On Account of the Act for raising £22,000 for the Support of Government, passed *September* 30, 1775, — — Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, in part, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —				£14,461 15 0
CONTRA — — — — — — — — — — — —			Cr.	
By Cash paid Benjamin Chew, Esq; for Judges Expences on the Circuit, —	£	9	4 7	
By his Commissions on £9 4 7, at 5s. per Cent. — — — — — — — — — —		0	0 5½	
Balance due to the Province, — —		14,452	9 11½	
				£14,461 15 0

On Account of Interest-Money from the Loan-Office, — Dr.

TO Cash received of the Trustees of said Loan-Office, —	£	4468	0 2

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, we find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, late Provincial Treasurer, a Balance on Account of the £22,000 raised for the Support of Government, per Act passed September 30, 1775, — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 2,224 19 1½

And in the Hands of Michael Hillegas, present Provincial Treasurer, the several Sums following, viz.

On Account of the Act for granting £24,000 to the King's Use, — —	219	14 3

On Account of the Excise on Spirituous Liquors, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk, burnt and destroyed according to Law, — — —	1,333	3	0	
On Account of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged as aforesaid, in order to be sunk according to Law,	1,805	5	11½	
On Account of the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged as aforesaid, in order to be sunk according to Law,	23,317	3	0½	
On Account of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged as aforesaid, in order to be sunk according to Law,	7,338	6	2½	
On Account of the Honourable Proprietaries Taxes, — — — — — — —	1,900	0	0	
On Account of the £5000 appropriated for Indian Treaties, — — — — —	331	12	3	
On Account of the £5000 appropriated for purchasing Ground adjoining the State-house Lots, — — — — — —	998	10	8	
On Account of the £6000 struck for building Piers, &c. per Act passed March 18, 1775, — — — — — —	774	0	0	
On Account of the £22,000 raised for the Support of Government, per Act passed September 30, 1775, — —	14,452	9	11½	
On Account of Interest-Money received from the Trustees of the Loan-Office,	4,468	0	2	
And Michael Hillegas, Esq; has paid to Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, a Balance due to him on the Province-Island Account, — — —	1	18	7	
A Balance due to Michael Hillegas, Esq; on Account of the Duties and Tonnage of Ships, — — — — — — — — —	21	8	11	
				£59,139 17 1½

Which Sum of Fifty-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, the present Treasurer produced to us.

WE have received of the Treasurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit, Part of the £14,000 issued per Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, the Sum of — — — — — — — — — — — — £ 356 2 8

Which Sum we have burnt and destroyed according to Law.

WE have likewise received of the Treasurer appointed by the Commissioners elected by Virtue of the Act passed in the 9th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled, "*An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the Highways, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, &c. of the City of* Philadelphia," in Part of the £8,000 formerly lent the City, the Sum of Eighty-seven Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, in the proper Bills of Credit issued in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed March 9, 1771, which Sum of Eighty-seven Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, we have burnt and destroyed according to Law, — — — — — — £ 87 15 0

THE Amount of the Paper Bills, burnt and destroyed by the Committee of Assembly this Year, is £14,173 9 3½, viz.

On Account of the Quotas received of Samuel Preston Moore, on the old Mortgages in his Hands on Behalf of the late Trustees of the Loan-Office, —				£	393	15 0
On Account of the Provincial Taxes, viz.						
On the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Eighteenpenny Taxes, — — —	£	99	15 0			
On the Sixteenth ditto,		20	6 7½			
On the Seventeenth ditto, — — — — —		9,493	14 7½			
					9,613	16 3
On Excise, as follows, viz.						
Of the £20,000 issued per Act passed May 20, 1767, — — — —	£	190	0 0			
Of the £16,000 issued per Act passed February 18, 1769, — —		262	2 0			
Of the £7,000, Part of the £15,000, issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, — — — —		392	5 0			
Of the £25,000 issued per Act passed March 21, 1772, — — — —		401	19 7½			
Of the £22,000 issued per Act passed September 30, 1775, — — —		2,180	1 9			
					3,426	8 4½
On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, viz.						
Of the Bills issued per Acts passed February 26, 1773, and March 18, 1775,					295	12 0
On Account of the £14,000 for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, per Act passed February 18, 1769, of that Emission, — — — — — — — — —					356	2 8
On Account of the £8,000, Part of the £15,000, issued per Act of Assembly passed March 9, 1771, in Bills of Credit of that Emission, received of the Treasurer appointed by the Street Commissioners of the City of Philadelphia, — — — — — — — — —					87	15 0
						£14,173 9 3½

AS to the Debts outstanding due to the Province, they cannot be fully ascertained by Means of so many of the County Treasurers and Collectors of Excise neglecting to render Accounts for the Year past; but as to the known Balances of former Taxes or of Excise, we must refer to the same, as mentioned in the foregoing Report.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the House, September 25th, 1776, *by*

(Signed) GEORGE GRAY, BENJAMIN CHAPMAN,
ALEXANDER WILCOCKS, ISAAC PEARSON."

The Committee appointed to strike the Sum of *Eighty-five Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, directed by the Resolves

of the House of the Sixth of *April* last, produced to the Chair a Receipt from *Michael Hillegas*, Esquire, Provincial Treasurer, for the said Sum of *Eighty-five Thousand Pounds*, in the said Bills of Credit to him paid, agreeable to the Directions of the said Resolves.

The said Committee also produced five extra Sheets unsigned, which had been printed to supply any Loss or Deficiency happening in the said Bills, during the Signing and Numbering the same, which five extra Sheets were burned by Order of the House, in the Presence of the Members.

The Committee appointed the Twenty-ninth of *March* last, to confer with the Tenants on the *Province-Island*, and to report what Allowance they should think would be reasonable for the House to make for the Losses they had sustained by the Storm in *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, reported, "That they had conferred with the Tenants; and, upon viewing the Island and the Repairs made after the Storm, are of Opinion, that this House make an Allowance to *Samuel Penrose*, the Tenant of the said Island, in Behalf of the Under-tenants, in Consideration of the Losses and Damages by them sustained, and Repairs by them made, the Sum of *Three Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds*," which being read by Order, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Provincial Treasurer allow to *Samuel Penrose*, Tenant, the Sum of *Three Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds*, out of the Rent due from him to this Province.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Howell*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Pearson*, be a Committee to settle the Accounts of the commanding Officers in the different Battalions of military Associators, in this Province, for the Wages of Adjutants, Serjeant-majors, Fife-majors, Drum-majors, Fifers and Drummers, agreeable to the Resolutions of Assembly of the Fifth of *April* last; and to draw Orders for such Sums of Money as they may find due to the said commanding Officers, on the Provincial Treasurer, to be paid out of the *Twenty-two Thousand Pounds* issued by an Act of Assembly passed the Thirtieth Day of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five; and that the said Committee report their Proceedings to the next Assembly.

Resolved, That *Michael Hillegas*, Esquire, Provincial Treasurer, pay such Orders as may be drawn upon him, by the said Committee, out of the said *Twenty-two Thousand Pounds*.

A Member read in his Place, and presented at the Table.

some Resolutions for the Consideration of the House, which being again read by the Clerk, were taken into immediate Consideration, and after some Debate, the previous Question was called for and put, Whether a Question shall be now put on the said Resolutions? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The said Resolutions, being accordingly put to the Question, were agreed to, and follow in these Words, *viz.*

Resolved, by a Majority of the Members present, That it is the sacred Right of Freemen to give and grant their own Money; and that all Taxes, levied without their Consent, are arbitrary and oppressive: And that no Freeman can be constitutionally restrained of his Liberty, or be sentenced to any Penalties or Punishment whatsoever, but by the Judgment of his Peers, and a Trial had by a Jury of his Country.

Resolved, That the Convention have derived no Authority from the good People of *Pennsylvania* to levy Taxes and dispose of their Property: And therefore, that the late Ordinance, imposing a Rate of *Twenty Shillings per* Month, and *Four Shillings* in the Pound on the Estates of Non-associators, is illegal, and the said Sums ought not to be paid.

Resolved, That the late Ordinance of the Convention impowering two or more Justices of the Peace to imprison, for an indefinite Time, at their Discretion, all Persons whom they shall judge to be guilty of the Offences therein specified, is, in the Opinion of this House, a dangerous Attack on the Liberties of the good People of *Pennsylvania*, and a Violation of their most sacred Rights; and therefore ought not to be considered as obligatory.

The House resumed the Consideration of the List of incidental Expences reported by the Committee, and the Accounts therein referred to being allowed, Mr. Speaker in the Chair signed the several Certificates and Orders, for Payment of the Wages of the Members and Committees, together with the Salaries of public Officers and other contingent Charges of the past Year.

Resolved, by the Members present, That *Michael Hillegas*, Esquire, Provincial Treasurer, pay all such Certificates and Orders as have been heretofore drawn by the Assembly for the Salaries of public Officers, and Services done the Public, out of the *Twenty-two Thousand Pounds* issued by an Act of Assembly passed the Thirtieth of *September* last.

The House then rose.

INCIDENTAL EXPENCES for the YEAR 1776.

	£	s	d
TO the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; Governor,	1,000	0	0
To *Benjamin Chew*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Province,	400	0	0
To *John Lawrence*, Esq; one of the Assistant Judges,	200	0	0
To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; ditto of ditto,	200	0	0
To *John Morton*, Esq; ditto of ditto,	200	0	0
To *Andrew Allen*, Esq; his Salary as Attorney-General,	75	0	0
To *George Gray*, Esq; for his Service on the Committee of Public Accounts, 31 Days, at 10*s. per Diem*,	15	10	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, 2 Days, at ditto,	1	0	0
To *Samuel Howell*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, 22 Days, at ditto,	11	0	0
To *Samuel Miles*, Esq; one Day on ditto, at ditto,	0	10	0
To *Alexander Wilcocks*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, 20 Days, at ditto,	10	0	0
To *Benjamin Chapman*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, 30 Days, at ditto,	15	0	0
To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, 34 Days, at ditto,	17	0	0
To *Charles Moore*, Esq; for his Attendance as Clerk of the House, and for transcribing and engrossing Bills, Messages, *&c.*	176	3	6
To *Abel Evans*, for his Services as Clerk to the House, *&c. &c.*	60	0	0
To *Joseph Shippen*, Esq; for his Salary as Clerk of the Council,	30	0	0
To ditto, for his Account of Postage of public Letters, Proclamations, *&c.*	10	6	0
To *David Rittenhouse*, Esq; for his Care of the State-house Clock,	20	0	0
To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; his Salary as Barrack-master at *Philadelphia*, to the 15th of *February* last, and his Account of Disbursements,	211	17	6
To Mr. *Lewis Nichola*, his Salary as Barrack-master at ditto, from the 20th of *March* last,	50	0	0
To Mr. *William Bowsman* as Barrack-master at *Lancaster*,	30	0	0
Carried forward,	£ 2,733	7	0

Brought forward, — — — — — — — — —	£2,733	7	0
To *Edmund Physick*, Esq; for affixing the Great Seal to Laws, — — — — — — — — — — —	5	17	0
To *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls Office, as *per* Account, — — — — — — — — —	56	7	5½
To ditto, for extraordinary Services in attending the Committee appointed to revise and publish the Laws, and packing the Records,	5	0	0
To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing the Laws, Proclamations, *&c.* as *per* Account, —	429	4	3
To the Estate of *David Hall*, deceased, for Stationary, as *per* Account, — — — — — — — —	3	7	4
To Mr. *William Sheed*, as Serjeant at Arms to the House, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10	0	0
To ditto, as Door-keeper to the Council, 20 Meetings, at 2*s*6, — — — — — — — — — —	2	10	0
To Mr. *Andrew M'Nair*, as Door-keeper to the House, and for Disbursements, as *per* Account,	26	19	8
To Mr. *Henry Miller*, for printing Votes, *&c. &c.* as *per* Account, — — — — — — — — — —	243	10	0
To Mr. *John Dean*, for binding Laws, as *per* Account, — — — — — — — — — — — —	190	9	0
To Mr. *John Marshall*, as a Premium for a Twisting Machine, — — — — — — — — —	40	0	0
To Mr. *Christopher Tully*, as a Premium for a Spinning Machine, — — — — — — — — —	15	0	0
To Mr. *Joseph Hagey*, ditto for ditto, — — —	15	0	0
To Mr. *William Sheaff*, for filling up Commissions, *&c.* as *per* Account, — — — — — — —	14	19	8
To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for revising the Laws, 6 Days, at 10*s. per Diem*, — — — — — — —	3	0	0
To *John Morton*, Esq; on the Committee for adjusting the Accounts of the Military Associators, 16 Days, at 10*s. per Diem*, — — — — —	8	0	0
To *William Rodman*, Esq; on ditto, 18 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9	0	0
To *John Brown*, Esq; on ditto, 4 Days, at ditto,	2	0	0
To *Joseph Parker*, Esq; on ditto, 18 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9	0	0
To *John Jacobs*, Esq; on ditto, 12 Days, at ditto,	6	0	0
To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; on ditto, 18 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9	0	0
To *Abel Evans*, attending as Clerk to the Committee, 16 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — —	8	0	0
Carried forward, — — — — — — — — —	£3,845	11	4½

Brought forward, — — — — — — — — —	£ 3,845	11	4½
To *John Dickinson*, Esq; for his Attendance as a Delegate in Congress, to *November* 4, 1775,	107	0	0
To *George Ross*, Esq; for ditto, to ditto, — —	34	0	0
To *John Morton*, Esq; for ditto, to *June* 14, 1776,	80	0	0
To *John Dickinson*, Esq; for ditto, to ditto, —	81	0	0
To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; for ditto, to ditto, —	197	0	0
To *Robert Morris*, Esq; for ditto, to ditto, — —	168	0	0
To *Andrew Allen*, Esq; for ditto, to ditto, — —	140	0	0
To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; for ditto, to ditto,	166	0	0
To *Charles Humphreys*, Esq; for ditto, to ditto,	172	0	0
To *James Wilson*, Esq; for ditto, to ditto, — —	381	5	0
To *John Morton*, Esq; for ditto, 16 Days, to *July* 20, 1776, at 20*s. per Diem*, — — — — —	16	0	0
To *Charles Humphreys*, Esq; for ditto, 19 Days, to ditto, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	19	0	0
To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; for ditto, 19 Days, to ditto, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	19	0	0
To *Robert Morris*, Esq; for ditto, 30 Days, to ditto, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; for ditto, 30 Days, at ditto, — — — — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
To *James Wilson*, Esq; for ditto, 38 Days, at 25*s. per Diem*, — — — — — — — — — —	47	10	0
To Mr. *Peter Dehaven*, for his Services at the Salt-petre Works, — — — — — — — — —	30	0	0
To *John Fulton* and *James Kelly*, for apprehending *Fleming Elliott*, — — — — — — —	60	0	0
To Mr. *Lewis Nichola*, Barrack-master, for Disbursements, — — — — — — — — — — —	10	12	6
To Mr. *Andrew M'Nair*, for *Indian* Expences,	46	16	11
To the Managers of the House of Employment, for the Maintenance and Cloathing of *Catharine Smith*, — — — — — — — — — — —	27	10	0
To Mr. *Peter Dehaven*, for his Disbursements at the Salt-petre Works, and which he received from the Treasurer and the Sale of Salt-petre; excepting the Sum of £ 9 17 6 now remaining in his Hands, — — — — — — —	453	17	6
To *Abel Evans*, for transcribing and copying the public Accounts, — — — — — — — — —	8	0	0
To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for his Services on the Committee for revising and publishing the Laws, — — — — — — — — — — —	40	0	0
Carried forward, — — — — — — — — —	£ 6,210	3	3½

Brought forward, — — — — — — — — —	£ 6,210	3	3¼
To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; for his Services on the Committee for revising and publishing the Laws, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10	0	0
To the Estate of *John Ross*, Esq; deceased, for his Services on ditto, — — — — — — — — —	6	0	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for ditto, — — — —	20	0	0
To *Petapanihila, (alias George Allen)* an *Indian*, for his Fidelity to this Province, — —	100	0	0
To Mr. *Andrew M'Nair*, for Expences, *per* Account, — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1	13	0
To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; his Account for Repairs at the *Province-Island* and *Deep Water Island*, sundry *Indian* Expences, Firewood for the Assembly, Orders of the Committee of Safety, and Orders of Assembly and Committee of Assembly for Drums, Colours, *&c.*	4,654	11	11
	£ 11,001 (sic)	9	2¼

WE, the Committee for incidental Expences, have examined the several Accounts herein referred to, and find them charged as above.

Philadelphia,
September 26, 1776.

JOSEPH PARKER,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
JONATHAN ROBERTS."

The END of the SIXTH VOLUME.

THE Printing of this Sixth Volume of a COLLECTION *of the* VOTES *and* PROCEEDINGS *of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the Province of* PENNSYLVANIA, *ending with the Government under the Crown of* Great Britain, *was finished by* Henry Miller, *Printer of the City of* Philadelphia, *the Seventeenth Day of* July, *in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven.*

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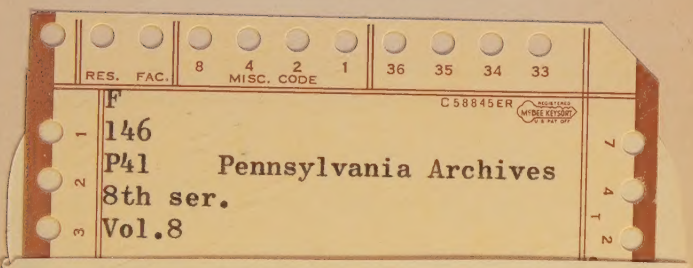

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